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BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE — IT MAY TAKE YOUR LIFE

'Be Careful With Fire' Is Slogan Of Billikens

DID you know that a total of 11,000 persons died in fires last year in the United States?

Did you know that last year 355,000 American homes were damaged by fire, an average of one every 90 seconds. And did you know that 95 per cent of the causes of these fires were preventable. Therefore, most of these lives were sacrificed needlessly.

These statistics are given with the hope that every member of the Chicago Defender's Bud Billiken Club will become FIRE CONSCIOUS and remember to BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE — IT MAY TAKE YOUR LIFE.

Need 50,000 Members

Bud Billiken needs 50,000 boys and girls to enroll in his Junior Fire Patrol and you, you and you are asked to JOIN BUD BILLIKEN'S JUNIOR FIRE PATROL —today.

There are no strings to joining the fire patrol. Fill out the application blank at the bottom of this page, mail it together with a stamped self-addressed envelope and in return, you'll receive not only a Bud Billiken card and button, but a Junior Fire Patrol badge as well.

Grownups are especially invited to organize Junior Fire Patrols in their respective communities. Write for full information and get your set of FIRE PREVENTION RULES.

Boys and girls follow these fire regulations and you will be entitled to wear the Bud Billiken FIRE PATROL badge.

Junior firemen are taught to observe the following fire prevention rules:

To stamp out cigar and cigaret butts found in the hallways or in other rooms of the home.

To stop playing with matches or other inflammable material.

To clean up rubbish and piles of paper wherever found, realizing that fires start easily from paper left scattered on floors.

To urge their parents and other adults not to smoke in bed.

To learn how their parents can notify the Fire Department in case of emergency.

To keep calm and avoid hysterics, should a fire occur.

To have their parents keep the Fire Department telephone number—FIlt 1313—posted near the phone.

To not make the mistake of trying to fight a fire themselves, thus giving the blaze a head-start.

To call the Fire Department as soon as a blaze starts, then stay at the alarm box to direct firemen to the fire.

To warn everybody in the building, should a fire start, and help smaller children to the nearest exit.

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The theme of the meeting is "Democracy in Action." Some of the children, both white and colored, who are in Rev. Kendall's project, have been invited to be present.

In half a dozen Illinois cities, 35 Negro children have been visiting as guests in homes of white families. Under Rev. Kendall's sponsorship, the adventure has been so successful that some of the white children have returned to visit in colored homes.

permanent Fair Employment Practices bill, an Anti-Poll Tax bill, and certain legislations vital to the welfare of the working man.

Stay GI's Execution

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(ANP)—Sen. Chapman Revercomb (R) of West Virginia last week succeeded in getting the War Department to stay the execution of a Negro soldier in Europe sentenced by a military court-martial to hang for murder, it was learned.

Mayor Proclaims 'Billiken Day' For 16th Annual Parade And Picnic

By ALBERT G. BARNETT

Mayor Edward J. Kelly's Proclamation designating Saturday, Aug. 11, as BUD BILLIKEN DAY, this week gave official sanction and approval to the Chicago Defender's plan to stage the greatest pageant and patriotic demonstration in the city's history.

Mayor Kelly

"The Return of the Conquering Heroes" is the theme of the Chicago Defender Bud Billiken Club's 16th annual Parade and Picnic during the day's glitter and pomp, tribute will be paid to those unsung GI heroes, wounded on the far-flung battlefronts of World War II, and who are now undergoing treatment at Gardner and Vaughn General hospitals.

Special cars will be provided in the colorful parade for the injured

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, one of the outstanding obligations imposed on our adult citizenry is the proper guidance and training of our youth and children; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Defender Bud Billiken Club has for a generation been dedicated to the task of moulding and directing young lives in the duties and principles of citizenship; and

WHEREAS, this year's 16th annual Bud Billiken Parade and Picnic will pay tribute to the "Return of the Conquering Heroes" and thereby honor those of our armed services who have been injured in performance of their patriotic duty; and

WHEREAS, the parade will form at 33rd Street and Michigan avenue, at 11 a.m., and proceed to the site of the picnic and demonstration in Washington Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward J. Kelly, as Mayor of the City of Chicago, do hereby proclaim Saturday, August 11, 1945 as BUD BILLIKEN DAY, and urge all citizens of Chicago to join in this great tribute to our children and to our heroes injured on the far-flung theatres of war; and I also urge that this occasion serve to emphasize the spirit of interracial good will and understanding which prompts all people to live, work and play together in real happiness and harmony and without distinction as to race, creed or color.

Dated this 1st day of August, A.D., 1945.

EDWARD J. KELLY
Mayor.

veterans and they will occupy seats of honor at the big War Bond Rally and Demonstration to be held at Washington Park's swimming pool stadium following the parade.

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The metropolitan press treated with Powell's wedding but expressed regrets at being unable to get pictures. These were secured exclusively by Life Magazine.

List Dead In 92nd Explosion

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597th Field Artillery Branch—Mother, Mrs. Anna Montgomery, R 2, Box 35, Ardmore, Ala.

Pvt. Otis Collins, 365th Infantry Regiment—Mother, Mrs. Lanier Collins, R 1, Ganner, N. C.

S-Sgt. Maurice O. Burt, 365th Infantry Regiment — Mother, Maude H. Burt, 11½ Gainsborough street, Boston, Mass.

Pfc. Henry Banks—365th Infantry Regiment—Father, Samuel Banks, 2611 Locust street, St. Joseph, Missouri.

S-Sgt. James E. Knight, 365th Infantry Regiment—Wife, Elizabeth Knight, 252 Farnsworth street, Detroit, Mich.

Sgt. Willie A. Reed, 365th Infantry Regiment—Father, George Reed, 1047 Overton street, Memphis, Tenn.

T-5 Jasper Peevy, 365th Infantry Regiment—Father, Joe Peevy, 609 North Ninth street, Monroe, La.

Pfc. Arria Shaw, 370th Infantry Regiment — Mother, Annie Shaw, 1321 Potomac street, Bakersfield, Calif.

Pfc. Lloyd W. Gordon, 370th Infantry Regiment—Mother, Alverta H. Gordon, 1501 W. Landville street, Baltimore, Md.

Pfc. Thomas E. Robinson, Jr., 370th Infantry Regiment—mother, Mrs. Jennie C. Robinson, 319 Ashley avenue, Charleston, S. C.

S-Sgt. Milton Smith, 370th Infantry Regiment—Mother, Pearl Smith, 153 Wayne street, Jersey City, New Jersey.

Pfc. Gus Marshall, 371st Infantry Regiment—Wife, Mary E. Marshall, 48 Entuist-Le Avenue, Natley, New Jersey.

T-5 James Alford, 679th Tank Destroyer Bn.—Mother, Minnie Alford, General Delivery, Calvert, Texas.

T-5 Clarence L. Smith, 679th Tank Destroyer Bn. — Mother, Mrs. Mary A. Smith, 110 East Brainard street; Pensacola, Fla.

Pvt. Enoch Hanna, Jr., 371st Infantry Regiment—Wife, Sara Hanna, R. 2, Box 117; Lake City, South Carolina.

T-5 Leo Whitfield, 371st Infantry Regiment — Father, John Whitfield, 3721 Cooks avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

Pfc. Haywood Robertson, 371st

Mayor Proclaims Billiken Day For 16th Annual Parade

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the parade and picnic, will give the signal and the patriotic procession will get underway, at 35th and Michigan avenue, supervised by officials of the Chicago Park District.

In the line of march will be units of the U. S. Army; the Famous Negro Military police band from Camp Ellis; the Great Lakes Naval Training Station Negro band; a detachment from the U. S. Coast Guard; the Eighth Infantry Illinois Reserve Militia under the command of Col. Clifton Jones; 1,500 Boy Scouts, 500 Girl Scouts, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and more than 2,000 uniformed women members of patriotic organizations and 5,000 juvenile police, directed by Juvenile Officer Glenn Crockett. There will be at least 20 patriptic floats in the line.

Three Mile Parade

The procession which will be three miles long, will move south on Michigan avenue, from 33rd street to 55th street, thence east to Washington Park where it will be disbanded.

At 2 o'clock a war bond rally is scheduled for the swimming pool stadium at 56th street. For three hours there will be a parade of some of the nation's greatest stars of the radio, stage and screen singing and dancing to cheer the disabled war veterans. In the meantime some 10,000 or more kiddies will be eating ice cream, candy, cookies and drinking iced cold orangeade, a gift from the Chicago Defender and public spirited citizens who have made contributions for the day's outing.

Principal speakers at the war bond rally include: Mayor Kelly, Sheriff Michael Mulcahy, Civil Service Commissioner James B. Cashin, John H. Sengstacke, president and general manager of the Chicago Defender; Federal Judge Herman Moore, George T. Donoghue, general superintendent of the Chicago Park district and Arthur Knight of the South Central Association.

Four bands will provide swing music for entertainers from the El Grotto, Rhumboogie and Club DeLisa cafes. A water carnival, special military drills by the Eighth Infantry Illinois Reserve Militia, and several baseball games are also on the day's program.

Admission to the swimming pool stadium where the big show is being held, is by the purchase of a war bond. Appearance for all of the music, has been arranged through courtesy of Harry Gray, president of Local 208 of the Musicians Union.

GI SERVICE NOTES

This column of questions and an-

University Of Illinois Closes Dorms To Negro

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concerned over the condition of housing for Negro girls coming to study at Illinois, met some months ago with the director of housing at the university, Earl Thompson.

Thompson stated that "Housing for colored women is probably somewhat less desirable than the average facilities provided on the campus due to the fact that their units are located some distance from our classroom buildings, and are in general less attractive."

One Residence House

Either Mr. Thompson has never investigated, or he is a master of understatement. The sorority house for Negro girls—the only single unit given over entirely to Negro girls—could not possibly be called adequate under standards of any university of the size and reputation of the University of Illinois.

This sorority house passed the "attractive" stage twenty years ago. Paint and varnish have long been worn away. Its six bedrooms have housed as many as 20 girls, the house mother, Mrs. Cora Hardison stated. On the third floor is an "attic" bedroom containing three double-deck beds.

Six girls have slept in this one room which affords no room for adequate closet space, desks for study, or privacy. The girls "live from their trunks" throughout the school year.

Fire Hazard

The house is a fire hazard. A narrow wooden stairway leads to the attic "dorms"—so called because three girls live in one room, and six in the room described above. There is no bathroom on this floor. Each young woman pays room and board of $37.50 per month regardless of how many roommates she must have.

In the private Negro homes, "across the tracks" as many as five girls have lived with families who have average size homes, a committeewoman stated. Girls must "double up" in the same bed—which is against university regulations for "white" homes.

Here again they are afforded no privacy, no accommodations for study. Most of these homes are located 12-14 blocks from the university, and the girls must walk or spend 30 to 50 cents in cab fare twice a day.

Students Blocked

Many attempts on the part of the student body to alleviate the situation by having Negro girls admitted to white houses has been blocked by the towns-people, and often by officials of the university.

A student attitude poll was started by a Negro freshman student last semester, Mildred Harris of Chicago, to find out how white students felt about living in the same student houses with Negro students.

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Clifton will attend the Billiken picnic, Saturday, August 11.—Gushinere photo.

White, Negro Gobs To March

WHITE AND NEGRO officers and veterans from Great Lakes Naval Training Station will march in the 16th annual Bud Billiken picnic parade Saturday morning, August 11. They are to be headed by the famous Great Lakes Negro band.

Full approval for participation was given this week in a communciation from Vice Admiral A. S. Carpenter, commandant of the Ninth Naval District.

Admiral Carpenter's letter in part read:

"The Ninth Naval District will again be glad to participate in the 16th annual Bud Billiken parade and picnic sponsored by the Chicago Defender, to be held this year on August 11, in Washing- Park.

"The Negro band will be available from the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. Negro and white officers and Negro and white veterans will attend to the extent that their duties permit at that time. I regret that a company of sailors and WAVEs will not be available to participate in the parade as marching units. The majority of personnel here at Great Lakes are those engaged in receiving recruit training. As you will readily understand, the present concentrated training program and the rapid turnover of personnel preclude the organizing of marching units. And it is against the Navy's policy to interfere with the needs of the fleet in order to train groups for other than naval assignments.

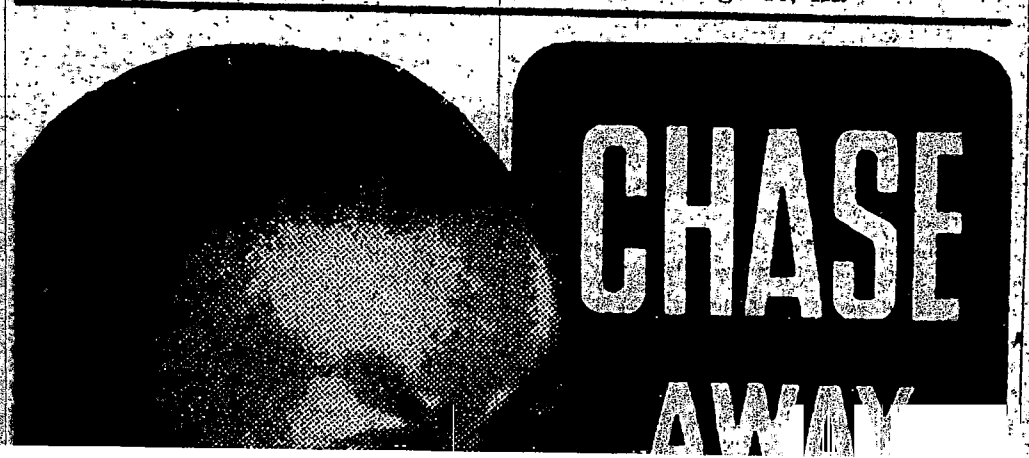
"However, I suggest that a color guard might be appropriate. If such unit is desired, it can be requested through Comdr. R. Q. White, USNR, District Public Information Officer, Administration Building, Great Lakes, Ill. I also suggest that details of transportation be worked out with him.

"Please accept my personal wishes for a successful occasion."

Make no mistake, ladies and gentlemen and boys and girls, ol' Bud Billiken's "RETURN OF THE CONQUERING HEROES" parade and patriotic celebration will be the greatest event of its kind ever staged by Negroes in the world.

Not only will the U.S. Navy be represented, but the Army, Coast Guard, American Legion, Boy and Girl Scouts and scores of women's volunteer organizations.

The time is growing near, so if you have an organization you desire to enter in the parade, be sure to WRITE Bud Billiken today. Address all correspondence to the Chicago Defender, 3435 Indiana avenue, Chicago 16, Ill.



FREE ice cream tickets at house in the park at 56th More than 50 men and wom assist in distributing the ments.

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GI 'Watch Dogs' Await August 11

A battalion of crack military police will head Bud Billiken's 16th annual "Return of the Conquering Heroes" parade Saturday, August 11, it was announced by the Public Relations department of the Sixth Service Command.

These "watchdogs" of the army will march in full battle dress down Michigan avenue, as thousands of both races cheer them in what promises to be the greatest patriotic spectacle ever staged by Negroes in the world.

Preceding the MPs will be that famous Negro army band from Camp Ellis, Ill., which you have seen in the parades for the past three years and whose personnel consists of some of the nation's outstanding musicians.

Major General David McCoach, commanding the Sixth Service Command, has placed a stamp of approval on the parade and assured ol' Bud Billiken that the Army would definitely do its bit to bolster the morale of the thousands of Chicagoans who will be in attendance at the B-B Day celebration.

Naval Units To Parade

Along with the Army will be Naval and Coast Guard units together with the Illinois State Militia, Boy and Girl Scouts, Veteran of Foreign Wars, Legionaires, the Wabash Avenue Y.M.C.A., and Women's Volunteer War Workers.

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BUD BILLIKEN PICNIC FACTS

DATE—Saturday, August 11, 1945.

EVENT—16th annual "Return of the Conquering Heroes" Bud Billiken picnic and parade.

SPONSOR—The Chicago Defender.

SITE OF PICNIC—Washington Park, 51st to 60th street.

PARADE—Michigan avenue, proceeding from 33rd street to Fifty-fifth street, East to Washington Park.

TIME—Parade begins promptly at 11 a.m. Picnic ends 7 p.m.

ADMISSION—To Picnic—ABSOLUTELY FREE.

HOW TO GET THERE—Surface lines to 51st and South Parkway; Elevated to 51st or 55th streets; motor coach to direct site of picnic.

ENTERTAINMENT — All star show featuring stars of the radio, stage and screen in big War Bond rally in swimming pool stadium.

REFRESHMENTS — Free ice cream, candy, and orangeade to all kiddies holding ICE CREAM COUPONS.

Free ice cream, candy, orangeade, and hot dogs for all the kiddies who attend "The Return of the Conquering Heroes" picnic and parade, Saturday, August 11.

BOWELS SLUGGISH?

Feeling like you lost your best friend—headachy—dull—all because of sluggish bowels? Why put up with constipation misery? Chew modern FEEN-A-MINT, the pleasant-tasting chewing-gum laxative. Chew FEEN-A-MINT tonight at bedtime, taking only in accordance with package directions. Next morning—thorough, gentle relief, helping you feel swell again. Millions rely on FEEN-A-MINT. Chew like your favorite gum. Tastes good. Try FEEN-A-MINT—a whole family supply costs only 10¢.

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Idea For Rugs

Here is a makeshift rug idea. Sew four or five small rugs together to make a large one. Cotton string bathroom rugs, treated like this, will do nicely in a bedroom. Rugs must, of course, be rectangular.

BUYS BILLIKEN A PICNIC BO

A lucky Billiken recently was Baby Anni father, John Cochran, bought a $2,000 war Treasury South Central community's motior and war bond show presented at the Regal th the purchase, left to right, are: Mrs. Eddene teer war bond worker who is holding Baby Cochran, mother of the child and Maj. C. Ud manager, Illinois division of the U. S. Treasu Loop photo.

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the purchase, left to right, are: Mrs. Eddene G. Graham, volunteer war bond worker who is holding Baby Annie; Mrs. Billie Cochran, mother of the child and Maj. C. Udell Turpin, deputy manager, Illinois division of the U. S. Treasury department. — Loop photo.

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". . . We will provide a four-man color guard and a quartet or more of Coast Guard jeeps for the morning parade."

The jeeps will be used to transport DISABLED war veterans in the parade down Michigan avenue.

Englewood Student Plans Nursing Career

Miss Annie W. Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ray, and a senior student at Englewood high school plans to enter nurse's training school when she graduates in January 1946.

You Are More Popular With Beautiful Hair

Are you popular with men? With friends? You can be when you wear one

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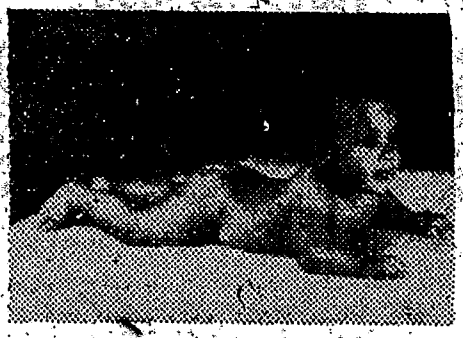

LaVERN MERCY L. JOHNSON

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of 321 East 41st street, who was five months old June 2. LaVern is a new member of the Bud Billiken club and she wants her Billiken friends to know that she is willing to answer every letter that she receives from them. Her one wish is that her uncle, Cpl. Perry L. Thomas, who is somewhere in France, will soon come home to see her for the first time. We forgot to tell you that LaVern will be at the Bud Billiken picnic August 11.

Billiken Has A Twilight Party On 6th Birthday

Horace Williams Lyles, of 409 S. 13th avenue, Maywood, Ill., will celebrate his sixth birthday in a twilight party at 5841 S. Wabash avenue, the home of his aunt, Mrs. Ruby Holloway. He will be host to a number of under-privileged children who are not to bring presents.

He attended the Billikens' picnic and parade for the first time last year. He purchased a $25 war bond, but he was thrilled when

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By RICHARD GOLDSBERRY

BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE — IT MAY TAKE YOUR LIFE. That's Bud Billiken's Fire Patrol slogan.

Two-year-old Gerald Phillips and his four - year - old brother Ronald can't read, and it's doubtful if anyone told them to be careful with fire.

Now both boys are dead.

Gerald was killed in a fire which swept their home at 2001 Fulton st. Thursday night. Ronald, who was found critically burned under the bed with his dead brother, died several hours later in Cook County Hospital.

Their mother, Mrs. Susan Phillips, said she attempted to get the boys out of their room, but they became frightened, refused to leave and crawled under a bed, where they were found by firemen.

Flames and smoke drove the mother away, and six persons in other apartments were routed by the fire. The first floor is occupied by a church. Fire Chief Thomas Mulcahy estimated damage at $1,000.

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Fire Fighters Will Feature Parade

Plan Gigantic Demonstration For Billikens

City Officials To Greet Members Of Junior Fire Patrol

When you hear those sirens shrieking Saturday morning, Aug. 9, along Michigan ave., you will know that Bud Billiken's Junior Fire Patrolmen are on their way to Washington Park.

A colorful parade featuring the very latest in fire equipment has been planned by Bud Billiken in cooperaton with the Chicago Fire Department. Hook and ladder, pumpers, towers, ambulances are just a part of the apparatus which you will see in the line of march.

At a meeting this week Fire Commissioner Michael J. Corrigan and Fire Chief Anthony Mullaney outlined what they said will be the finest display the Chicago Fire Department has ever put into a parade.

"We are pleased with the Fire Prevention program conducted by the Chicago Defender and have every reason to befleve that the demonstration in the Bud Billiken Parade will do much toward helping to curb major fires on Chicago's Southside," said Fire Marshal Mullaney.

Preceding the fire engines will be 500 members of the Chicago Defender Bud Billiken Junior Fire Patrol marching with their white steel helmets bearing the insignia of the Bud Billiken Club. Some of the youngsters will carry banners telling the dangers of fire. The theme of the Fire Prevention Pageant is "BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE. IT MAY TAKE YOUR LIFE."

Remember the date, Saturday, August 9, and be on Michigan ave., somewhere between 35th st. and 35th st., at 10 a.m.

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Oklahoma Backs Billiken's Fire Prevention Plan
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Oklahoma Backs Billiken's Fire Prevention Plan

OKLAHOMA CITY—On the occasion of the visit here recently of David W. Kellum, 'Bud Billiken' of the Chicago Defender, pupils of the Edwards school, their teachers and principal, Prof. Della B. Greene, rallied to a huge assembly to hear the youth leader speak and afterwards honored him with a reception.

Bud Billiken spoke to the Oklahomans on the Junior Fire Patrol in Chicago and elsewhere, and the Edwards pupils, with the sanction and aid of their teachers, voted to organize a similar fire prevention program and patrol here.

Passing a resolution praising the Billiken fire prevention program, the children named their teachers honorary sponsors of this city's Junior patrol and hastened to recruit more members and to spread the Billiken fire prevention rules throughout the city.

Those who honored Bud Billiken and soutly rallied to his fire prevention banner included the following:

Ray Allen, Kenneth Burton, Frank Dabney, Ralph Ellis, Eugene House, Harold Smiley, Donald Young, Mae Lou Downs, Marian Jolly, Mattie Liggins, Mary Josephine Reed, Vanilla Gay Samuson, Carrie Jean Watkins, Yvonne Wells, Amos Roy Clifton, Marvin Barnett, Leonard Collins, James Dean, Dan Pete Downs, Herbert Greene, William Jolly, Richard Newton, Clarence Watkins, Janice Burrow, Betty Jean Germany;

Richard Baldwin, Sherman Christian, Chauncey Douglas, Harold Holman, John H. McGregor, Thurman Tomlin, Joan C. Booker, Charlotte Galbraith, Patricia King, Margaret Mitchell, Juanita Ann Relf, Charlene Thomas, Karen Kay Webb, Leah Ruth Williams, Carl Ballard, Clarence Bell, Jonathan Curtis, Robert Dodson, Roscoe Foreman, Jim Henry Harrison, Willie Lee Mathis, Robert Lee Newton, Betty Irene Bunn, Bonita Forrest; Barbara Jean Henry, Lois Jean Reed, Sammie Lee Tomlin, Edward Baldwin, Lorenzo Brown, Casper Ellis, Warren Galbraith, Kenneth Pennington, Samuel Nunley, Charles Williams, Sherrill Bluitt, Freddye Forrest, Sarah Gibson, Emma Harrison, Cecelia Landrum, Fannie Lydia, Dorothy Nunley, Betty Jean Stell, Willie D. Thompson, Arthur Lee, James A. Williams, Eddie Broome, Clyde Taylor, Eddie Greene, Clarence Eaves;

Luana Lee, Evelyn Relf, Luanna Watkins, J. D. Ballard, Eugene Collins, Willie Earl Fize, Arlan Lewis, A. W. Price, Walter Waldrop, Itanzo Allen, Ruby Foreman, Norma Fuller, Erma Hagens, Monnie Hopkins, Zenia Loggina, Deloise Newton, Gwenette Parker, Velta Stell, Ezekiel Spivey, Willie Germany, Larry Douglas, Jerome Washington, Wayne Cagburn, Donald Bluitt, Luke Black.

Dan Sneed, Clarence Lydia, Erma Jean Collins, Jo Ann Greene, Shirley Spivey, Hazel Hopkins, Claudia Bunn, Imogene Stell, Willie Mae Ellis, Charlene Lee, Barbara Moore, John Waldron, Peggy Canady, Ruby Harlman, Andra Lee Moses, William Trotter, Worchester Burrough, Arthinia Burns, Frances Farmer, Van Dora Dumas, Arnold Baldwin, Alpha Dabney, Edward Broome, Jeni Dennis, Modesta Hodge;

Robert Hayes, Robert Barnett, Edna Allen, Jacquelin Cogburn, Ora Pearl McDonald, Erma Jean Lewis, Mildred Tolton, Shirley Mae Henry, Wilma Stell, Sandra McDade, Anna Douglas, Nathaniel Bennett, Jesse Germany, Bena Mae Maple, Billy E. Simpson, Lester Threet, Norva Davis, Gwendolyn Douglas, Norma J. Harmon, Wesley Landrum, Leroy Collins, Mary Berry, Cleve Waldrop, Florence Williams, Ashley Taylor.

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Governor Dwight Green Proclaims Billiken Day

Urges Citizens To Observe 18th Annual Event

SATURDAY, Aug. 9, will be a holiday for the thousands of men, women and children of Bronzeville, who will fill the streets and Washington Park to observe the 18th annual celebration of Bud Billiken Day in Chicago.

Gov. Dwight H. Green has proclaimed the day and urged all citizens to observe the occasion.

The Governor's proclamation reads:

WHEREAS, Preparations are under way for the 18th annual Bud Billiken "Carnival of Fun and Fire Prevention Pageant," to be held in Washington Park, Chicago, Saturday, Aug. 9, 1947, and

WHEREAS, This elaborate fete will give thousands of children a day of wholesome entertainment, free of charge, and

WHEREAS, This generous undertaking deserves widespread public attention and cooperation,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DWIGHT, H. GREEN, governor of the state of Illinois, do hereby proclaim Saturday, Aug. 9, of the present year, as BUD BILLIKEN "CARNIVAL OF FUN" AND FIRE PREVENTION PAGEANT DAY, and request the appropriate observance of the occasion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Dwight H. Green,
Governor.

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500,000 EXPECTED AT PICNIC SATURDAY
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500,000 EXPECTED AT PICNIC SATURDAY

Picnic And Parade Will Draw Throng Of 500,000

If ideal weather prevails Saturday, Aug. 9, Chicago Park District officials estimate that a crowd of 500,000 persons will witness the Chicago Defender Bud Billiken Club's 18th annual "Carnival of Fun" parade down Michigan avenue and the picnic in Washington Park.

The parade, with more than 10,000 marchers and 25 gaily decorated floats, starts at 23rd st. and Michigan ave. promptly at 11 a.m. The line of march is south on Michigan to 35th st. (Garfield blvd.) then east into Washington Park.

Leading the procession will be an escort of 48 city and Chicago Park District police headed by Capt. Harry B. Doss of Stanton avenue station.

Two standouts in this year's parade are the special exhibit of the very latest fire fighting equipment provided by the Chicago Fire Department. Heading this unit are 200 members of the Bud Billiken Junior Fire Patrol, bearing banners with slogans on fire prevention. Then at the head of the parade will be a beautifully decorated float carrying the carnival's juvenile king and queen and members of the royal party.

Water Carnival

Shortly after the marchers disband in Washington Park at 35th st., a special program of entertainment will begin at 1 p.m. and continue for four hours in the swimming pool stadium. Three swing bands, students of Pie Sanroy Dyer and Leroy Edgerton school of dancing, a water carnival featuring the nation's top notch swimmers and a revue of stars of the radio, stage and screen are scheduled on the program. Of special interest will be the presentation of trained firemen in a spectacle of first aid life saving tactics.

From early morning until early evening a corps of workers will be kept busy dispensing FREE ice cream, candy, cookies, hot dogs, and Pepsi-Cola to the thousands of children and parents who attend the picnic. All persons desiring this courtesy must have tickets which are free and can be secured from the Chicago Defender Bud Billiken Department.

Baseball games and a free exhibit of a captured midget German submarine are on the day's program.

Both Mayor Martin H. Kennelly and Gov. Dwight H. Green have proclaimed Saturday, Aug. 9, Bud Billiken Day and are urging all citizens to join in the day's festivities.

Remember the Date—Saturday, Aug. 9.
Place—Washington Park.
Parade—Michigan ave. from 23rd to 35th st. and east into Washington Park.
Admission — Free. Everybody welcome.

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Portland Plans Big Welcome For Bud Billiken
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Portland Plans Big Welcome For Bud Billiken

3,000 To Fete Dave Kellum In City Of Roses

PORTLAND, Ore.—(Special)—A never-to-be-forgotten welcome awaits David W. Kellum, chief of the Chicago Defender Bud Billiken Club, when he arrives here Friday afternoon to be special guest at a children's party to be held at the Artistic Studio, 2529 N. Williams st.

At least 3,000 kiddies and their parents are expected to be at Union Station when Bud Billiken arrives in the City of Roses from Seattle, where he has spent a week's vacation.

More than 24 city buses have been chartered to bring the children to Portland to the station to greet the kiddies' editor. After this, a reception will be held, attended by high dignitaries of the city in honor of Bud Billiken, who will be escorted by Mr. Woody Woodfork and his wife, Mrs. Helen Kirkland Woodfork, owners of the Artistic Studio.

David Kellum (Bud Billiken)

Free Ice Cream And Cake

Arriving at the studio, they will distribute ice cream, cake, candy and orangeade free to the youngsters as they listen attentively while Bud tells of his recent 18th annual Chicago Defender Carnival of Fun and Fire Prevention Pageant.

This gala celebration is expected to rival Portland's Rose Festival, held each year for four days early in June. In conjunction with Bud's arrival here, there will be a special sale and distribution of souvenir photos of the kiddies and their parents. Members of the Bud Billiken Club will get a discount card so they can get the pictures at a reduction.

Bud Billiken is being accompanied here to Portland by Ezell Henderson, 121 26th ave., N., Seattle, who is president and general manager of the Groove Record Shop and Distributing Co.

Last Stop On Bud's Trip

The trip to Portland will conclude Bud's tour of the Pacific Northwest during which he has visited Yellowstone National Park, Grand Canyon, Seattle and Vancouver, British Columbia.

The Kiddies' Editor will return to his desk Sept. 29, at which time he will record, in a series of stories all details of his trip, the names of people he has met and the interesting places visited.

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MAYOR PROCLAIMS BILLIKEN DAY

CITY OF CHICAGO
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, one of the outstanding obligations imposed on our adult citizenry is the proper guidance and training of our youth and children; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Defender Bud Billiken Club, has for a generation been dedicated to the task of moulding and directing young lives in the duties and principles of citizenship; and

WHEREAS, this year's 16th Annual Bud Billiken Parade and Picnic will pay tribute to the "Return of the Conquering Heroes" and thereby honor those of our armed services who have been injured in performance of their patriotic duty; and

WHEREAS, the parade will form at 33rd Street and Michigan Avenue, at 11:00 A.M., and proceed to the site of the picnic and demonstration in Washington Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward J. Kelly, as Mayor of the City of Chicago, do hereby proclaim Saturday, August 11, 1945, as BUD BILLIKEN DAY, and urge all citizens of Chicago to join in this great tribute to our children and to our heroes injured on the far-flung theatres of war; and I also urge that this occasion serve to emphasize the spirit of inter-racial good will and understanding which prompts all people to live, work and play together in real happiness and harmony and without distinction as to race, creed or color.

Dated this 1st day of August, A. D., 1945.

Edward J. Kelly

MAYOR

20,000 Expected At

ten to him by friends, mostly warning him not to go. Like most liberals, Abbott began by publicizing the infamous Scottsboro Case, which involved four Negro boys being charged in Alabama with rape of two white girls—Ruby Bates and Victoria Price. Abbott afterwards carried a series, called "Behind the Scottsboro Scene!", in which Ruby Bates, one of the girls supposedly raped, made a confession clearing the boys. The first installment bore this typical head:

RUBY BATES WRITES FOR FIRST TIME THE FULL STORY OF WHAT HAPPENED ON FREIGHT TRAIN THREE LONG YEARS AGO

WOULD GLADLY UNDO THE PART SHE PLAYED

REVEALS FACTS ABOUT HOW VICTORIA PRICE LIED

The publisher was distinctly impressed by the vigorous manner in which the Communists fought for the lives of the Negro boys involved. He afterwards ran stories like WHY WE DON'T HATE REDS. A feature article, signed by a Bishop William M. Brown, extolled Russia in this manner: SAYS COMMUNISM NEAREST APPROACH TO IDEAL STATE. As late as 1939, the *Defender* ran a story with this head: THERE IS NO BLACK AND WHITE ISSUE OR RACE PROBLEM IN SOVIET RUSSIA. And the sub-head read: "Census Proves Nationality Not Chosen On Physical or Color Characteristics: Whether Black or White, One Enjoys Full Rights Under Its Laws."

Thus one year the Young Communist League applied for permission to march in the *Defender's* Bud Billiken parade. Abbott's Bud Billiken editor, David W. Kellum, threatened to resign if the Reds were allowed to parade. He was supported by Abbott's nephew, John. Abbott opposed them both with, "If there is a Bud Billiken parade, these young white

people will march!" Even when the Negro chapter of the American Legion withdrew in protest, refusing to march with Communists, Abbott still would not relent.

"Mr. Abbott," says Lochard correctly, "had little vision beyond the Communist boast that they believed in the equality of races."

To be sure, Abbott was no Communist. But, after all, his mistake was common to liberals during the period—indeed, the professors at the University of Chicago had planned a trip to Russia to determine the exact status of the races, and determine as well whether or not there was racial discrimination, segregation or proscription, and had invited Abbott to send a reporter along! They perhaps wanted a Negro in the junket because his presence would undoubtedly provide the acid test. Abbott declined the invitation, although his noisy liberal policy had helped to fix the reputation of the *Defender* in the popular mind as a "radical" paper. But it was a *racial* radicalism not an *economic* radicalism which Abbott espoused. Moreover, he advocated the use of constitutional processes as the only means of social emancipation.

Bud Billiken was Abbott's proudest possession.

Back in 1923, the publisher came up with the idea there should be a column in the *Defender* for children. The reason was twofold: he was probing for a method by which he could enlist newsboys and maintain their interest in the paper; and he felt the paper needed reading matter of interest to young people in general. He brought his idea to his city editor, Lucius C. Harper, who agreed such material should be an integral part of the paper. While talking, Harper's eyes strayed to a squat Chinese statuette on his desk, which was contrived in such a way as to form a pen-wiper. It was called a Billiken, which, according to a Chinese legend, is the guardian angel of little children. Abbott quickly seized the statuette as symbolic of what he wanted, and Harper suggested "Bud

Billiken." There and then they jointly decided the young people's page should be called Bud Billiken. From this modest beginning, Bud Billiken developed into a gigantic project that involved more than a quarter of a million participants, perhaps the largest gathering of Negroes anywhere in the world.

A bright, bespectacled, ten-year-old youngster, Willard Motley, later to author *Knock On Any Door,* was selected as the first Bud Billiken editor. His picture was published in horn-rimmed glasses and an editor's eye-shade. The page ran a masthead, similar to that on the front page, with the name "The Defender Junior" and the slogan "Children's Greatest Newspaper." The layout was simple enough: cartoons, jokes, puzzles, folk stories, and the exchange of letters among Billiken "pen pals." Essay contests were conducted in which the kids competed for prizes. A Bud Billiken Club was formed and membership cards and identification buttons were distributed free. The idea proved immensely popular, and the *Defender* was soon deluged with letters from as far away as Africa.

Motley, who was attending elementary school, complained that his column was interfering with his school work and begged to be relieved of the responsibility. David W. Kellum was handed the job and told to develop Bud Billiken into a two-page feature. His bumptiousness had gotten him the job. He had become the first Negro to be commissioned a major in the Reserve Officers Training Corps in Chicago, and the *Defender* had published his picture. But he afterwards complained to City Editor Harper because only a half-column cut was used on the inside page. "I protested," he says laughingly, "because he had put René Maran, a distinguished French author, on the front page with a three-column picture. I felt my achievement was more important, and in my innocent youth said so." From this amusing incident a friendship developed between Kellum and Harper.

Soon afterwards Harper hired Kellum to clip newspapers but, before the latter could settle in the job, "Bung" Thornton, who had quit in a fit of pique, returned. Harper then made an offer to Phil Jones: "Kellum can drive an automobile. Why not let him be Mr. Abbott's chauffeur." He was given the job but two weeks later he side-swiped a passing automobile while taking Helen Abbott to a card party, and his career as a chauffeur came to an end. He returned to the *Defender* where he again was juggled around from one job to another. Finally, he was given the Bud Billiken pages to edit. He was to remain at this post for the next twenty-five years and to contribute significantly to the development of Bud Billiken as a national institution among Negroes.

By 1929, Abbott decided the Bud Billiken program needed perking up. So Kellum approached the late Edgar G. Brown, president of the National Negro Council, and George T. Donoghue, now general superintendent of the South Park Board, with the idea of setting up a "Bud Billiken Day" to be observed yearly on the first Saturday in August. "The purpose," according to the parade marshall, Lawrence Vernon Blanchet, "was to give underprivileged children, who are never seen or heard, a chance to be in the limelight for one day by wearing costumes, marching in a parade, and being seen." By a stroke of luck, Freeman Gosden and Charles Correll, of "Amos and Andy" radio fame, were the guests of honor.

Before this, however, the Pittsburgh *Courier,* the *Defender's* chief national competitor, had been crusading against the theme song used by the comedians. The *Courier* claimed it had something to do with the picture *Birth of a Nation,* which was anathema to Negroes. Harper derided the charge in the *Defender,* and in appreciation Gosden and Correll not only made a personal appearance in the first Bud Billiken parade but distributed ten thousand chocolate bars at the picnic afterwards—twin factors that were far from negligible in

bringing out the crowds. Abbott led the march in his Rolls Royce limousine, followed by newsboys, boy and girl scouts, and a host of *Defender* readers. The comedians afterwards contributed two thousand dollars to be used for scholarships for Negro youth.

One thousand children and adults participated. From that day on, the parade attracted the support and participation of a wide variety of people, both white and Negro. They ranged from Joe Louis to Tom Mix and Hopalong Cassidy, and from Lena Horne and Roy Rogers to Jesse Owens and Ralf Metcalfe, the Olympic champions. The reviewing stand usually contained dignitaries of the city and state, including the mayor and governor, who perhaps were anxious to be seen by the thousands the *Defender* could gather together. The paraders, often numbering as many as 30,000, marched through the Negro neighborhood. The South Side's two thousand clubs and organizations were present in the line of march, properly attired in costumes and colorful paraphernalia. Floats of every description were included, as well as bands and units from military organizations. The youngsters afterwards gathered for a picnic in Washington Park, where hot dogs, pop, candy, sandwiches, cakes, fruits and milk were distributed free, plus free entertainment by vaudeville acts.

The Bud Billiken Club became the *Defender's* sturdiest institution. Nearly a million youngsters became members, including people like Nat "King" Cole and Lionel Hampton, the bandleader. Practically every state was represented at a "Bud Billiken Parade and Picnic." Moreover, hearty cooperation was received from such groups as the Masons, Elks, churches, social work agencies, civic organizations and, indeed, the city's government. But basically Bud Billiken was a concrete symbol of the childless Abbott's love for children and is today a measure of the *Defender's* extraordinary drawing power and prestige.

I have made an issue of every single situation in which my people were denied their rightful share of participation.—ROBERT S. ABBOTT, Chicago *Defender*, 1930.

CHAPTER XX

The Search for Tomorrow

ONE EVENING toward the end of his days—so Dr. Charles M. Thompson relates—Robert S. Abbott received an urgent telephone call from a private detective. The man informed the publisher that in his office he had a pregnant woman who claimed Abbott was the father of her expected child. The detective declared he was only calling "to keep down a disturbance," because the woman had vowed to carry her case to the courts. He assured Abbott that for a modest consideration he could hush the matter.

"You say," Abbott inquired, "she says I am to be the father of her child?"

"Yes, indeed."

"Well," said Abbott, "if that's true, she should be in my office, not yours. You tell her to have the baby, and I'll take it, because I would like to have a child."

He hung up the telephone. Then he turned to the young dentist and added, "I'll never hear any more about *that!*"

It had been an obvious attempt at extortion.

Abbott himself was amused. But his remark to Dr. Thompson was a form of wishful thinking. He had wanted a child

Stirred by seven deaths in two disastrous fires within a week on the South Side, the Chicago Defender, through its children's organization, the Bud Billiken Club, appealed to fire and police department heads to help prevent further tragedies. In a conference Tuesday with Commissioner of Police Prendergrast and Chief Fire Marshal Anthony Mullaney, Bud Billiken's plan to organize the children of Chicago into a Junior Fire Patrol to help combat the city fire menace was approved. Photo shows: Left to right (seated) Mme. Marjorie Stewart Joyner, representing the Chicago Defender Charities; Anthony J. Mullaney, Chief Fire Marshal, and David W. Kellum, "Bud Billiken" of the Chicago Defender. (Standing) left to right, Earl Downes, fire investigator and John Prendergrast Commissioner of Police.—Chicago Defender photo.

Flames Establish New Record; Billikens To Become 'Firemen'

Bud Marshals 50,000 Of Them

Bud On Radio

Saturday morning, at 10:30 o'clock, Bud Billiken will broadcast over Station WGES (1390 on your dial) on Al Benson's famous program and give an outline of the 1947 Plan of the Chicago Defender Billiken club. He will also give details of the newly-formed Billiken Junior Fire Patrol and tell how both adults and children can cooperate in the Defender's Fire Prevention program with its slogan, "Be Careful With A Fire and Save A Life."

The Chicago Defender this week officially opened its mammoth drive on fire prevention.

Stirred by the recent tragic death of four Billikens in the fire at 31st and Cottage Grove and the three adult victims of the blaze at 2944 Prairie ave., Monday, the Chicago Defender Bud Billiken club, headed by David W. Kellum, Ol' Bud himself, immediately adopted measures to prevent future recurrence of these tragedies.

Here's the plan: Under the direction of Police Commissioner John Prendergast and Anthony Mullaney, Chief Fire Marshal, 50,000 juvenile members of the Chicago Bud Billiken club are being mobilized into a Junior Fire Patrol, whose slogan is "Be Careful With Fire and Save A Life."

With Bud Billiken as chief of the Junior Fire Patrol, the children began at once to set up Fire Staffs in kitchenets and crowded apartment buildings where most of the kiddies live and pledged themselves to put into immediate operation all rules for the safe-guarding of lives and property.

As suggested by Police Commissioner Prendergast and Chief Fire Marshal Mullaney, members of the Billiken Junior Fire Patrol set about learning all possible means of exist in their building.

To stamp out cigar and cigaret butts found in the hallways or in other rooms of the home.

To stop playing with matches

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Richard Jones To Lead New 178th Infantry

The appointment of Richard L. Jones as colonel in the National Guard and commander of the 178th Infantry Regiment was announced last week by Gov. Dwight H. Green.

Colonel Jones, a major during World War II, will command the regiment forming the backbone of the all-Negro combat team allocated to the Illinois guard. The 178th Infantry will officially replace the famous "Old Eighth" Infantry, which was federalized in 1941 as the 184th Field Artillery Regiment.

COLONEL JONES

At present Colonel Jones is an executive of the National Investors' Corp., 35 S. Dearborn st., and manager-board member of the South Center Department Store, of which he was vice-president and public relations director from 1928 to 1946. In 1917 he served as police detachment commander, U.S. Army. He is married and has

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751 Fires Kill 7; Hundreds Hurt

(See Other Stories Page 5)

Chicago's Southside is a tinderbox, and every resident of the area is in greater danger of losing his life or his home in flames than ever in the city's history.

Veteran firemen reported to the Chicago Defender this week that the fire toll on the Southside in the last three months has been the highest for any similar period in the last 20 to 30 years.

The facts are these:

1—Since November of last year, there have been 751 fires between 26th st., 59th st., Halsted and the Lake.

2—At least six persons have lost their lives in these fires.

3—More than 100 persons have received first aid and hospital treatment because of these fires.

4—Unnumbered thousands of persons have been made homeless, and have been forced to jam themselves into the already overcrowded and inadequate quarters of friends and relatives.

5—Damage to real and personal property during the period runs into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

In other words there has been on Chicago's Southside what amounts to another Chicago fire except that it has been on a three-month installment basis.

Experienced firemen like Arthur Driscoll, chief of the 10th battalion, and Joseph H. Wirss, chief of the 16th battalion, whose men and equipment defend this area against fires and other community experts gave the following as reasons for this contagion of fires:

1—Dwellings are old and are not of fireproof construction.

2—The normal hazards resulting from carelessness are multiplied because of overcrowding.

3—In the absence of sufficient and experienced janitorial service, inflammable waste accumulates, and other fire hazards go unnoticed.

4—Absence of proper cooking and heating facilities.

5—The criminal disregard by

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Negro, urge your ministers to preach special sermons on the Negro in our history, and don't overlook the barber shop, which is a splendid forum to discuss Negro history.

Negro history, or rather history as it has been influenced by the Negro, should be studied and taught for the same reason that we deal thus with the history of any other people. By ignoring the Negro's past we cannot develop the race unto full stature of intelligence and efficiency any more easily than we can other people who, ignorant of the best in their background, receive no inspiration from what their forebears thought and felt and attempted and accomplished. History, moreover, is universal.

The achievements of the black man have influenced the progress of other nations and constitute therefore a part of the world's history. Scholars say that Africans first developed the idea of the unity of God; they first instituted trial by jury as a means of assuring justice to everyone of the collectivity; they discovered iron and with it advanced industrial arts;

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Lucius Harper

'Democracy USA' Features Life Of Poet

American poetry by an American Negro poet will be dramatized over DEMOCRACY—U.S.A. Sunday, Jan. 19 at 10:30 a.m. over station WBBM.

The poet is Langston Hughes, sometimes called the "Shakespeare of Harlem" who wrote the lyrics for Elmer Rice's production of "Street Scene," now playing in New York.

Hughes, a Chicago Defender columnist, has roamed the world, working as sailor, dishwasher, laundry boy, farmer, and is known in practically every country in Europe.

It was while working as a bus boy in a Washington, D. C. hotel that he was "discovered" by another great poet, Vachel Lindsay and literally overnight became a national figure.

His consistent alliance with progressive writers throughout the world and the universal appeal of his writing have made him one of the nation's most beloved poets.

This week's "Democracy—U.S.A." drama is set in Madrid during the Spanish Civil War where Hughes was sent as a war correspondent and where he translated into English the works of Garcia Lorca, famous Spanish folk poet.

Hughes will be the thirty-seventh personality to be portrayed on the "Democracy—U.S.A." series co-sponsored by WBBM's Department of Education and the Chicago Defender and written by Richard Durham.

Court Grants Death Stay For Two Youths

JACKSON, Miss. — Charles Trudell and James Lewis, 15-year-old boys sentenced to death for the murder of a white lumberman won a temporary reprieve this week, pending an appeal to the U. S. Supreme court.

Originally scheduled to die Jan. 17, the boys gained a few more days of life when the Mississippi Supreme court granted a stay of execution. Gov. Fielding Wright refused clemency despite requests from individuals and organizations throughout the country.

Francis' 2nd Trip May Be

WASHINGTON — death march of Willie be temporarily halte when his attorney d hearing on the U. Court's decision not in Louisiana's secon electrocute him.

James Kelly Wrigh Francis, will base hi the close vote of the l the wording of th opinion, which Wrigh been written origina jority opinion.

The court voted fi give Governor Davis a free hand in settin for the execution.

Francis cheated de current failed in the last May.

Mrs. Cole Lo Civil Rights C

The civil rights cas Cole against the Gla Congress Hotel was court this week by J V. Daly on the grou discrimination had proved.

Dismissing the sui said the hotel prod showing all reserv Glass Hat were tak Cole and two wome entered the lounge i

In a previous hear charged Alex Maier the Glass Hat, refu women service bec race.

This accusation w when a reservation to court on order o showed all seats had

ROB ALTGELD GAR

Burglars, forcing through the back sacked the Altgeld sumers Cooperative Ellis ave., early Thu and escaped with $9

'Hero' Phanto

EVANSTON — Re lieve his story, poli spoiled the chance of white boy of becomi the expense of a pha

It all started at th anston's famous adop 2035 Ridge ave., wher othy Schucht, 20, be because she wanted discovery of a hero.

"We want to report told police in an e telephone call. "His liam Thomas Quirk, ave., Evanston, who s running out of the C and whipped him."

Police Doubts Story

Of course the burgl caped, the nurse rep hero recovered the s brought them back, the Cradle.

But the police was believe the nurse's st encouraged to tell m

ever, as always, struggle to climb upward. He has shown more eagerness for education than others thus circumstanced. He has been a devotee to religion, a home-builder, and a stimulating force to esthetic development. To the Negro this country is indebted for a great folklore, for an outstanding art, for the only real contribution to music in the Western Hemisphere without slavishly imitating that of Europe.

These achievements rather than those of oppressing one's fellowman, devising schemes to keep him on the lower level, and exploiting the few for the luxury and ease of the many, constitute the fascinating history of America. Well might Fredrika Bremer say to the Americans in 1849: "The romance of your history is the fate of the Negro."

There was a time when the history of the Negro was, more or less, completely buried. It has been resurrected in late years and brought to light. There is no excuse now for a Negro not knowing something about his history. Those who are behind on the subject should begin to study; those who have studied should keep on studying. Buy books by and about Ne-

Dawson May Lose Loop From District

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Lake Michigan on the east and a twisting line on the west, the upper portion bounded by the Chicago river and the lower part beginning at Halsted st., and running into Stewart ave., and La Salle and State sts.

Under the McCabe redistricting plan, the first district would be reapportioned to be bounded on the north by Roosevelt rd., on the south by 73rd. st., east by Cottage Grove ave., and west by State st.

McCabe claims that his proposal will do away with unfair division of election districts and that it has been drawn, so far as possible to provide equality in population for the 26 districts.

Nearly All Negroes

Practically speaking, however, his plan in so far as the first district is concerned, will revamp this district into a practically all Negro district, represented at this time by a Negro in the U. S. Congress. The district, under his plan, would be the smallest in Cook County, and would include wards two and three, and parts of wards one, four, five and six.

The first district would undoubtedly gain voting strength in acquiring of residential territory from 43rd st., south to 73rd st. Loss of the Loop business district, according to several sources, would also affect the district voting power.

On the other hand, numerous sources indicated that a fight is brewing against the McCabe bill on grounds that a deliberate attempt is being made to allocate the first district to nearly all Negroes with only one Negro representative.

Action on the bill, it was said, will not be taken until approximately two weeks, when the reapportioning session of the legislature convenes here.

751 Fires Kill 7; Hundreds Injured

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property owners, particularly absentee landlords of fire regulations.

6—The inexcusable carelessness of tenants themselves.

7—The lack of regular inspections by proper police and fire authorities.

8—The unconcern of enforcement agencies such as insurance companies that refuse to insure Negro-owned property.

9—The lack of fire prevention education.

10—The failure of public officials to recognize heightened fire possibilities on the Southside as one of the city's gravest problems, and to do something

Marcus Ray

regiment, Illinois National Guard. When the National Guard was federalized in 1941, Ray was promoted to the rank of Lt. Col.

As commander of the 600th Field Artillery Battalion in Italy, he was decorated by the U. S. and Italy for outstanding service and initiative.

Early in 1946, Ray was named Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War, succeeding Truman K. Gibson Jr., who resigned.

Defender Newsie Wants To Be Big Businessman

To be a business executive and an artist are the future ambitions of Jonathan Lightfoot, Jr.

Jonathan lives at 3641 Prairie ave., is 12 years of age, a student at Wendell Phillips Grammar school in Gary.

His excellent salesmanship, good manners and weekly sale of 80 CHICAGO DEFENDERS made him eligible for the "Newsboy of the Week."

J. Lightfoot

He is fond of all sports with football and basketball first and second choice. His favorite radio program is Abbott and Costello. Most evenings he can be found reading Bud's Bunny comics.

Schedule Rally Of Community Leaders Tuesday

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only permanent solution is to rid the city of these slum dilapidated, run-down firetraps and construct new housing, we are insisting upon the landlords placing their properties in livable and tenantable conditions which met requirements of the Fire and Health Departments.

In support of Sengstacke's statement, Robert R. Taylor, nationally known housing authority and chairman of the Chicago Housing Authority, issued a statement late Thursday.

Taylor, who for years has managed the Michigan Boulevard Apartments and is well versed on the needs of the blighted Southside community, declared:

"It becomes more and more evident that housing is an overall program in which the three levels of government must concern themselves immediately," Taylor asserted.

"The federal government should immediately appropriate funds to local housing authorities for the construction of rental housing for veterans and other needy families. This housing could be built and operated on a non-profit basis at rental of $50 per month. After the emergency period they could be disposed of to veterans and private enterprises.

"The federal government must also shape a long range housing bill similar to the Wagner-Ellender-Taft bill. This will permit housing to be built for families of all income groups and will help to clear slums on a wide scale."

Continuing he said, "It should also provide additional monies to complete the temporary housing projects scheduled this year.

"The State of Illinois should also provide funds to match federal funds to build rental housing for veterans. It should and certainly ought to take the lead and pass legislation to acquire title land quickly and make available for housing purposes the tax delinquent and waste land in our communities.

"More state funds are needed also for the state slum clearance project which was established in 1945. The legislators now in session should also make new laws requiring that the housing being produced should be made available to all citizens.

"The state must immediately revamp its antiquated building and zoning codes so this community will be in a position to participate to the fullest extent in such a housing program," he concluded.

Bud Marshals Billiken Club

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or other inflammable material.

To clean up rubbish and piles of paper wherever found, realizing that fires start easily from paper left scattered on floors.

To urge their parents and other adults not to smoke in bed.

To learn how their parents can notify the Fire Department in case of emergency.

To keep calm and avoid hysteria, should a fire occur.

To have their parents keep the Fire Department telephone number—FIR 1313—posted near the phone.

To not make the mistake of trying to fight a fire themselves, thus giving the blaze a head-start.

To call the Fire Department as soon as a blaze starts, then stay at the alarm box to direct firemen to the fire.

To warn everybody in the building, should a fire start, and help smaller children to the nearest exit.

Endorsed By Officials

The Chicago Defender's fire prevention program, greatest of its kind ever attempted in a metropolitan city, will go a long way, say police and fire officials, to remove the ever-growing menace and hazard of fire disasters that always strike when least expected.

In furtherance of the plan, Bud Billiken will visit churches Sunday and enroll more children in the campaign to "Be Careful With Fire and Save A Life."

Tall, white-haired Leslie Colyer, 63, accused of slaying his business partner in their tailor shop at 63rd st., and Champlain ave., last Aug. 7, was acquitted of murder by the criminal court jury Monday.

The not guilty verdict was returned by the jury after a deliberation of less than three hours. The defendant, whose trial for the murder of Millard Adams began last Thursday, was represented by Atty. Aaron H. Payne. Assistant State's Attorney Clem Cody represented the state.

It was brought out by Atty. Payne that the slaying of Adams was the outgrowth of an argument resulting over an unpaid cleaning bill.

Testimony disclosed that just prior to the shooting, Mrs. Anna Moore Adams, wife of the deceased, threw two glasses of water on Colyer, and reached for a third glass when Colyer drew a revolver from his bosom and fired three shots, one striking Mrs. Adams in the hip, the other striking her husband in the abdomen.

Adams died a week later in Provident hospital. His wife was given first aid and released.

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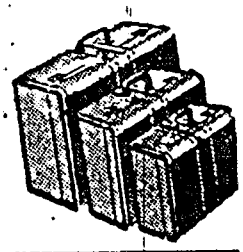

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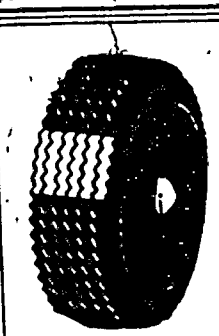

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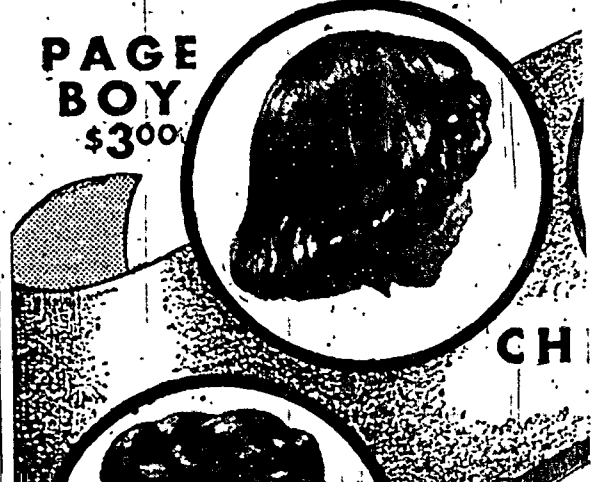

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Proud To Be Member Of Fire Patrol And Club

Dear Bud: I am very proud to know that I have been accepted as a member of the Bud Billiken Club. I am also glad to be a member of the Junior Fire Patrol.

I am very interested in music and I am planning to take piano lessons this summer. I am anxious to receive letters from boys and girls from ages to 6 and 10. I promise to answer all letters that I receive.—John T. Newman, 4149 S. Michigan ave., Apt. 406, Chicago, Ill.

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BUD BILLIKEN'S FIRE SAFETY RULES
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BUD BILLIKEN'S FIRE SAFETY RULES

P—put out lighted matches and cigarettes. Never throw them away when lighted.

R—replace worn and frayed electric cords.

E—eliminate unnecessary accumulations of rubbish.

V—vertical openings in buildings must be cut off to prevent spread of fire.

E—educate school children in simple rules of fire prevention.

N—never smoke in bed.

T—train every man, woman and child in what to do when fire endangers life or property.

F—flameproof decorations in all public places.

I—inspect all places where fire may occur frequently.

R—replace wooden shingle roofs with fire-retardant roof covering.

E—examine and maintain all fire appliances.

S—safeguard all heating equipment and appliances from surrounding combustible material.

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INVITE FRANK SINATRA TO BILLIKEN PICNIC

Movie Star Is Pleased With Invitation

FRANK SINATRA; Hollywood screen star and idol of thousands of teen agers, was extended a personal invitation to attend the Chicago Defender's 18th annual Bud Billiken Carnival of Fun and Fire Prevention Wednesday night when he appeared here as guest at the Knights of Columbus 10th annual Barbecue Benefit ball at the Stadium.

Sinatra accepted the invitation at a reception given him by Bishop Bernard J. Sheil, archbishop of the Chicago diocese of the Catholic Church. The "Voice" as he is best known, said he hoped it would be possible to return and receive the Chicago Defender Bud Billiken Club award to be presented "the man who has done the most to promote interracial harmony between teen agers and adult groups."

Bud Billiken, who talked at length with Sinatra, lauded the star for his liberal spirit and his insistence for fair and just treatment of all minority groups.

It will be recalled that in Gary, Ind., in 1945 when white students of the Roosevelt High School rebelled and went on strike in protest to the admission of Negro students, it was Frank Sinatra, who flew from New York and induced the whites to call off the strike and return to their classes.

Sinatra No. 1 Liberal

Frankie, in a fervent appeal, impressed the students with the necessity of all youths to adhere to the strict principles of the U.S. Constitution, which guarantee life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness to ALL AMERICANS, regardless of their creed or national origin.

By so doing, Sinatra made himself the number one liberal youth of America.

Bud Billiken told Sinatra that this year's Carnival of Fun and Fire Prevention Pageant, would be the most colorful event of its kind ever staged on Chicago's Southside. There would be at least 10,000 persons in the parade which would be sparked with beautiful floats, brass bands, veteran organizations, youth groups, prancing majorettes, and members of the Billiken Junior Fire Patrol wearing their white helmets.

"It'll be a great day," Bud Billiken said to the screen star. "There'll be free ice cream, candy, orangeade and hot dogs for the youngsters of all races, creeds and colors."

Bishop Sheil, archbishop of the Chicago diocese of the Catholic Church, also placed his stamp of approval on this year's outing and he too was extended an invitation to attend.

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3,000 GREET 'SUGAR CHILE' AT PARTY
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3,000 GREET 'SUGAR CHILE' AT PARTY

"SUGAR CHILE" ROBINSON, the eight-year-old child piano wizard can be addressed as "Assistant Chief Fire Marshal Sugar Chile" Robinson. This honor was conferred upon him by Chief Fire Marshal Anthony Mullaney, at a Bud Billiken party at the Michigan theatre Saturday. Photo shows Chief Mullaney holding "Chief Sugar Chile" on lap while David W. Kellum (Bud Billiken) looks on with approval.—Defender photo.

Bud Billiken's Movie Party For 'Sugar Chile' Draws 3,000

NEARLY 3,000 KIDDIES jammed every available space in the Michigan theatre, 110 E. 55th st., Saturday morning to greet Frankie (Sugar Chile) Robinson, 8-year-old child piano wizard who was honored guest at a theatre party given by ol' Bud Billiken of the Chicago Defender.

To say the party was nice is putting it mildly. Bud's party was, in the language of the streets, "A Killer Diller" or the BEST yet. Not a child was lost or injured in the huge throng.

And now a little about "Sugar Chile"—at first, his aunt, one of the guardians, appointed by the court, decided not to let him attend the party. She said he had "the tummy ache," but Bud Billiken cured that when he told "Sugar Chile" that more than 2,000 youngsters were on hand to greet him at the theatre. "Sugar Chile" then rushed from the Pershing Hotel to the Michigan where the children all but mobbed him. For five minutes he was cheered when introduced by Bud Billiken.

Chief Fire Marshal Anthony Mullaney greeted "Sugar Chile" and after a brief ceremony, inducted him into the Junior Fire Patrol as assistant Fire Marshal. "Sugar Chile" was given a new white helmet which bore the inscription Chicago Defender Junior Fire Patrol. Chief Mullaney also swore in as members of the Fire Patrol, other children attending the party.

Success of the party can be attributed to the two genial gentlemen of the Michigan theatre, Earl Boone and Stephen McCall, manager and assistant manager respectively.

Upon entering the theatre Saturday morning a smile greeted each Billiken, who was in turn handed a bar of chocolate candy. Later the children ate popcorn.

Featured film on the screen was RAINBOW OVER TEXAS together with a half dozen comics and All American News.

Ask any child who was fortunate enough to attend the party, and he'll tell you that he had the time of his life and that WHEN BETTER PARTIES ARE GIVEN, OL' BUD BILLIKEN WILL GIVE THEM.

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Need More Kiddies For Fire Patrol
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Need More Kiddies For Fire Patrol

Out-of-Towners Urged To Help Stop Fires

Send In Today For 'Patrol Badge'

Did you know that a total of 11,000 persons died in fires last year in the United States?

Did you know that last year 355,000 American homes were damaged by fire, an average of one every 90 seconds?

Did you know that 95 per cent of the causes of these fires were preventable? Therefore most of these lives were sacrificed needlessly.

How much longer must this continue? When are we going to realize that our carelessness is causing the loss of numerous lives and millions of dollars in property?

We Need Members

Well, Bud Billiken is doing something about it with his Junior Fire Patrol. We're going to be careful with fire and we're going to halt FIRE TRAGEDIES such as occurred in Chicago recently, taking a death toll of eight children, members of our happy family.

You don't have to live in Chicago to become a member of Bud Billiken's Junior Fire Patrol. Fires are not limited to Chicago. Your city will burn just as other cities have, hence it behooves every Billiken to be a part of this nation-wide FIRE PREVENTION movement.

Becoming a member of the FIRE PATROL is just as easy as falling off a log. Clip membership application blank and bottom of page and make special request in your letter for membership in Junior Fire Patrol and you will get a beautiful free badge.

Last week two persons lost their lives and two others are badly injured as a result of a fire at 4726 Federal st.

There can be no doubt that if some of Bud Billiken's Junior Firemen were on the job, this tragedy never would have occurred. For Bud Billiken's Junior Firemen are taught to give an alarm at the slightest indication of a fire.

Junior firemen are taught to observe the following fire prevention rules:

To stamp out cigar and cigaret butts found in the hallways or in other rooms of the home.

To stop playing with matches or other inflammable material.

To clean up rubbish and piles of paper wherever found, realizing that fires start easily from paper left scattered on floors.

To urge their parents and other adults not to smoke in bed.

To learn how their parents can notify the Fire Department in case of emergency.

To keep calm and avoid hysterics, should a fire occur.

To have their parents keep the Fire Department telephone number—FIR 1313—posted near the phone.

To not make the mistake of trying to fight a fire themselves, thus giving the blaze a headstart.

To call the Fire Department as soon as a blaze starts, then stay at the alarm box to direct firemen to the fire.

To warn everybody in the building, should a fire start, and help smaller children to the nearest exit.

Send for your FIRE PATROL button immediately. Address your letters to Bud Billiken, 3435 Indiana ave., Chicago Defender, Chicago.

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Swear In 100 Jr. Firemen

Swear In 100 Jr. 'Firemen' At St. Paul

Boys And Girls Given Fire Patrol Buttons

With the slogan, "BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE—IT MAY TAKE YOUR LIFE," one hundred children of the St. Paul Church of God in Christ Sunday school, 4528 Wabash ave., were sworn in as members of Bud Billiken's Junior Fire Patrol Sunday evening, Feb. 9.

After a short address on the dangers of fires, Bud Billiken, then issued a set of FIRE PREVENTION rules, and handed out Fire Patrol buttons. The pastor, Rev. Louis Ford, promised his cooperation in securing more members for the fire patrol.

The following are the JUNIOR FIREMEN of St. Paul church:

Barbara Gordon, 6242 South Parkway, basement; Lanzy Lee Gordon, 6241 South Parkway; Sandra Gordon, 6242 South Parkway, basement; Charles Ford, 5428 Wabash ave.; Ralph Kimbrew, 4528 Wabash av.; Mary Frances Williams, 2535 Calumet ave.; Clement Lewis King, 4403 State st.; Aldon Lee, 4542 Wabash ave.; John King, 4403 State st.; Morris Oliver, 5609 Lafayette; George Oliver, 5609 Lafayette ave.; Reese Jenkins, 683 E. 37th st.; Josephine Washington, 241 E. 43rd st.; Norman Cumming, 3737 South Parkway; Julius Jenkins, 683 E. 37th st.;

John Powell Jr., 5151 St. Lawrence ave.; Dave Cumming, 3737 South Parkway; Joseph Montgomery, 4547 State st.; Roland Lee, 4542 Wabash ave.; Lloyd Rivers, 4543 Wabash ave.; John L. Crockett, 6226 South Parkway; LaVern Crockett, 6226 South Parkway; Nathaniel Anderson, 4554 Wabash ave.; Barbara Steven, 4403 State st.; Drusilla Harris, secretary; Alvenus Montergermy, 4547 State st.; Jeffry Montergomery, Joseph Montergomery, Rosie Lee Johnson, 4556 Wabash ave., and Joseph Stevens, 4403 State st.

Drusilla Harris, 4556 Wabash ave; James Harris, 4556 Wabash ave.; Edith Gunliara, 11301 S. May st.; Juanita Gumbus, 11301 S. May st.; Sherman Robinson, 4556 Wabash ave.; James Williams, 4532 State st.; Rozetta Mitchell, 4528 Indiana ave.; Geraldine Cummings, 3737 South Parkway; Mildred Coleman, 372 E. 60th st.; Gladys Coleman, 372 E. 60th st.; Doritta Powell, 6150 St. Lawrence ave.; Catherine Warshum, 341 E. 43rd st.; Loretta Oliver, 5609 Lafayette; Vernon Jean Sullivan, 4430 Prairie ave.; Juliet Jenkins, 683 E. 37th st.; Lucinda Oliver, 5609 Lafayette; Janet Ford, 4526 Wabash ave.; Margaret Mitchell, 4528 Indiana ave., and Irma Jean Hobson, 4528 Indiana ave.

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WEST SIDERS TOLD HOW TO HALT FIRE TRAGEDIES

West Siders, conscious of fire tragedies and what they mean to the community, met last week at the Newberry Center. Newberry ave., and Maxwell streets and heard Bud Billiken tell how they could save a life by being careful of fire. "The extreme cold weather we're having is all the more reason why we should be more cautious," the kiddies' editor said. Bud Billiken asked the group to use extreme care with heating plants, so that boilers are not forced beyond their capacity. He asked the grown-ups as well as the children to remove ashes from the building as soon as they accumulate and pointed out that rubbish should not be allowed to accumulate.—Defender photo.

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STILL FIGHTING FIRE HAZARDS

DAVID W. KELLUM
(Bud Billiken)

REV. LOUIS FORD
(St. Paul Pastor)

The Chicago Defender's Bud Billiken, David W. Kellum, continued his fight against fire hazards and tragedies Sunday night when he spoke from the pulpit of the St. Paul Church of God in Christ, 4528 Wabash ave. He shared honors with the pastor, the Rev. Louis Ford and spent 15 minutes telling of the Chicago Defender's drive to mobilize 50,000 youths into a Junior Fire Patrol.

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RALLY TO AID JUNIOR FIRE PATROL

Every section of the city will be represented when the Chicago Defender Bud Billiken Club has completely organized its Junior Fire Patrol of 50,000 members. Volunteer adults will be called to aid the children in the fight to prevent fires and save lives. (top) Citizens committee headed by Leon Simpson, former Office of Civilian Defense commander, meets to outline plans for organization of fire wardens, block captains and junior firemen. Group is shown looking over one of helmets to be given youngsters. Seated at left is Mmes. Marjorie Stewart Joyner, representing the Chicago Defender Welfare Fund. Standing Nathaniel Chambers, 3821 Federal st., and William Lacey, 4321 Prairie ave., and Simpson (seated at right). Not shown is Ed Blanke, 4325 Calumet ave.—Defender Photo.

Newberry Avenue Center, serving the great need on the near Westside, rallied to the Chicago Defender Bud Billiken Club's plea for Junior Fire Patrol members Thursday night when officials met to map plans for a Westside unit. Seated, left to right: Mrs. Mrs. Pearl Pachuco, program director; William Coates, head resident, and Mrs. Christina Burgess, nursery school teacher. Standing: Wade Watson, Mrs. Marguerite Trimble, and Leslie Roque, group workers.—Defender Photo.

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More Hints On How To Check Fire Hazards

Satisfied with the results thus far obtained by members of Bud Billiken's Junior Fire Patrol, Dr. Herman N. Bundesen, head of the Board of Health, this week listed steps to prevent death and illness from heating unit accidents.

Dr. Bundesen warned:

1. Stoves and heating units should be cleaned, repaired and checked by a competent serviceman at least semiannually.

2. Beware of heaters which do not have proper flue connections or approved pipe lines. Pilot lights on heaters should be checked to make certain they are functioning properly.

3. Watch for gas flames extinguished by drafts or boiling over of liquids, and accidentally opened or incompletely closed gas jets. Be sure the gas lights when it is turned on.

4. Beware of gadgets sold as "gas savers" or "flue eliminators." They are dangerous. Radiant gas heaters without flues also are unsafe.

5. Never warm up or run automobiles in closed garages. Automobiles should be checked for leaky exhaust lines.

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One hundred and sixty persons died and four times as many were injured in preventible Chicago fires during 1945. Be careful with fire and stay alive.

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Bud Billiken On Air, Seeks Junior Firemen

Bud Billiken of the Chicago Defender Billiken Club has been speaking out on the air for fire control and community betterment. Bud now has nearly 50,000 volunteer Junior Fire Patrolmen, cooperating in the Defender fight on fire hazards.

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MARJORIE STEWARD JOYNER, national supervisor, Mme. C. J. Walker Beauty colleges and a representative of the Chicago Defender Charities, is shown at the microphone in the studio of Radio Station WGES making an appeal for the Defender Charities. Proceeds went to provide food, clothing and shelter for the men, women and children victims of the recent series of tragic Chicago fires, which brought a death toll of 11, and left hundreds of families homeless.

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BUD APPEALS FOR 'FIREMEN'

DAVID W. KELLUM
(Bud Billiken)

In a stirring address Saturday morning over radio station WGES, Bud Billiken of the Chicago Defender, told listeners that the poor housing situation on the South and West sides has reached an explosive stage. He called upon parents to teach their children fire prevention in order to halt further tragedies. An urgent appeal was made by Bud Billiken to enroll 50,000 children in his Junior Fire Patrol.—Defender photo.

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PLANNING TO HALT FURTHER FIRE TRAGEDIES

Stirred by 12 deaths in three disastrous fires within a week on the South Side, the Chicago Defender, through its children's organization, the Bud Billiken Club, appealed to fire and police department heads to help prevent further tragedies. In a conference Tuesday with Commissioner of Police Pendergrast and Chief Fire Marshal Anthony Mullaney, Bud Billiken's plan to organize the children of Chicago into a Junior Fire Patrol to help combat the city fire menace was approved. Photo shows: Left to right (seated) Mme. Marjorie Stewart Joyner, representing the Chicago Defender Charities; Anthony J. Mullaney, Chief Fire Marshal, and David W. Kellum, "Bud Billiken" of the Chicago Defender. (Standing) left to right, Earl Downes, fire investigator and John Prendergrast, Commissioner of Police.—Chicago Defender photo.

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BUD TELLS OF HIS PLANE TRIP TO TEXAS
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BUD TELLS OF HIS PLANE TRIP TO TEXAS

Kiddies' Editor Sees Mangled Bodies Of 425

By BUD BILLIKEN

I HAVE just returned to Chicago after visiting the scene of the nation's No. 1 disaster at Texas City, Tex., where 425 persons were killed and nearly 3,000 injured in a series of explosions set off by a blast from French Liner's freighter, Grand Camp, on the morning of Wednesday, April 16.

Of the total number of dead, it has been estimated that 186 of them were Negroes. Scores of bodies still remain unidentified. Just how many persons actually lost their lives will never be known because many of the victims were literally blown to pieces.

Texas City is a war boom town with a population of about 15,000 persons. Between 700 and 800 of this number are Negroes. The town is a natural port for the oil fields, and during the war, the government built an $18 million dollar styrene plant.

Early Wednesday morning, a fire broke out on the French freighter, Grand Camp, which was loading ammonium nitrate, vital to munition and fertilizer making.

Dock workers and longshoremen who had come prepared to load the ship were told to take the day off because of the fire. Hence, many of them remained at the dock to watch the fire instead of returning home.

To the people of Texas City, this was just another fire. But the manner in which the fire department was fighting the blaze was fascinating, and the shrieking of the sirens and the blowing of the boat's whistles brought hundreds of townspeople to the scene.

There was nothing unusual about the fire, so everybody had a good time, declared one man who escaped with slight injuries.

"But suddenly," he continued, "there was a huge ball of fire which went into the air and then came the explosion."

Hundreds Killed

Hundreds of spectators were killed, many of them having been blown to pieces. Others were so badly injured they died before aid could be administered. Practically every home in Texas City was damaged by the blast, and the shock of the explosion was felt as far away as Galveston and Houston.

Later in the afternoon a series of other blasts wrecked the Monsanto Chemical Co. plant, where several hundred Negroes were employed. Scores of them were killed. Many more were injured.

Thousands of panic-stricken people were forced to flee lest more explosions take their lives, and so, every highway was crowded with cars, trucks, buses, men, women and children on foot, making their way to refugee camps.

Because of the proximity of the Negro homes to the refineries and docks, this area was all but wiped out.

Last week you read the graphic stories of the tragedy, so it is not necessary to go into further details, but I would like you to know how a reporter gets such an assignment in a newspaper office to cover an event as big as that of the Texas City holocaust.

At 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, a flash came into the city room of the Chicago Defender telling of the explosion.

A half hour later another flash told of the number of dead and injured.

City Editor Enoch P. Waters immediately conferred with Editor-in-Chief Louis Martin about the tragedy, after it was learned that Texas City had a population of between 700 and 800 Negroes.

Bud Flies to Houston

"Kellum, how about flying to Texas City and covering this disaster?" Martin asked.

Without the least hesitancy, I agreed and then contacted our cameraman, Gushiniere.

I called a cab, rushed home, packed bags and grabbed my old typewriter and within a short space of time Gushiniere and I were on a Chicago & Southern Airlines plane bound for Houston, Tex.

First stop was St. Louis, where certain medical supplies were put aboard the plane by American Red Cross officials for the injured victims of the blast. Other stops were made in Memphis, Little Rock, and Shreveport, before reaching Houston.

Upon arrival at the Houston Municipal Airport, we were greeted by Miss Ora Lewis and a cab driver.

After accepting an introduction to the cab driver, a red cap was instructed to place the bags in the car and we were on our way to Houston.

En route the cab driver made it clear that he had been forced to wait an hour because the plane was an hour late. For this I would have to pay extra.

"How much do I owe you now?" I asked.

"Well, don't worry about the bill," he said smilingly.

"It'll be okay when we get where we're going."

En route to our stopping place, I asked Miss Lewis if she would have the taxicab stop at the Houston Informer, a weekly newspaper, so I could pay my respects to Editor-in-Chief and Publisher Carter Wesley.

I gave a very courteous receptionist my business card and explained that I was in from Chicago to cover the Texas City disaster and wished to pay my compliments to Editor Wesley, but to my utter amazement, Editor Wesley told the young lady that he was too busy in a conference to talk with me, and that it would be fully 45 minutes or more before he could get around to poor little me.

Snubbed by Carter Wesley

I then told the receptionist that I wanted to get from Editor Wesley information as to how best I could get to Texas City and desired to know the procedure for obtaining credentials to pass the police lines. The receptionist tried again to get through to Editor Wesley, but Editor Wesley was a busy man —and when Editor Wesley is busy, he's busy, on account of he is a big busy man and can't afford to be disturbed by a Yankee newspaper reporter.

Unable to "crash" the Informer, I picked up the phone and called the Houston Post, white metropolitan paper, and to my amazement, the city editor, and not Carter Wesley, gave me the information on how best to get to the disaster.

And, as strange as it may seem, the Chicago Defender's news coverage of the Texas City blast surpassed that of Editor Wesley's newspaper, the Informer.

(Here About the Trip Next Week)

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Highlights Of Texas Tragedy Told By Defender Camera
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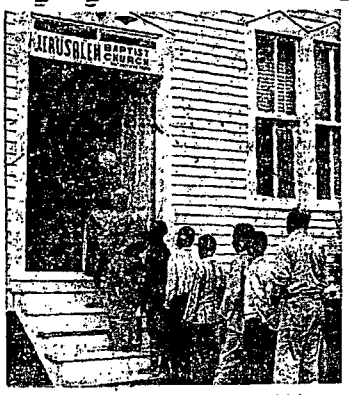
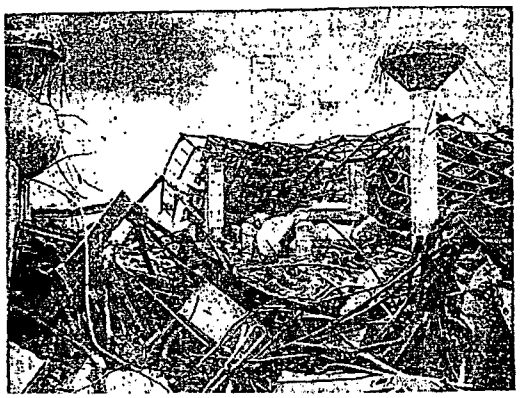


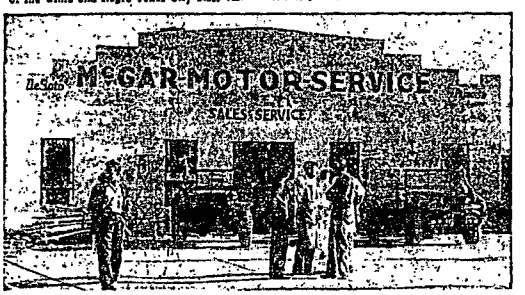
BILLIKENS OF GALVESTON paid tribute to one of their members who was killed in the Texas City blast. Cameraman caught them as they lined up in front of church for funeral service. —Chicago Defender photo.

THESE THREE HOUSTON UNDERTAKERS and funeral directors directed the embalming of the white and Negro Texas City blast victims. (Left to right): W. O. Madison Jr., Mrs. Essie Purvis, and Effie Purnell.—Chicago Defender photo.



RESCUE WORKERS are still digging under piles similar to this scene for more bodies thought to be buried beneath the tons of twisted steel and debris after a series of explosions rocked Texas City last week.—Photo Courtesy Houston Chronicle.

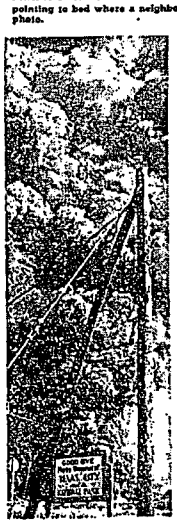
FRANK EVANS, A WORKER in an oil refinery at Texas City, pointing to bed where a neighbor was killed.—Chicago Defender photo.



THIS TEXAS CITY GARAGE became a morgue last week when an estimated 410 bodies were brought in for embalming. Negro undertakers took the lead in preparing the bodies for identification. It was here that the color line faded. Negro and white undertakers worked side by side both day and night.—Chicago Defender photo.

TEXAS CITY'S ONLY Negro policeman, Willie Cole, points to finger injured in Texas City blast last Wednesday. Cole remained on duty guarding the homes while refugees sought shelter in neighboring towns. — Chicago Defender photo.

THIS AUTOMOBILE IS ready for the junk shop after the explosions in Texas City last week. Note the glass blown from the windows and the hole in the hood caused by a piece of falling steel.—Chicago Defender photo.



IRONIC SURVIVOR of one of the world's greatest disasters was this sign "Goodbye—Happy Memories of Texas City," shown against a sky filled with smoke from the blast fires of an explosion catastrophe which claimed the lives of 1,-200 and injured more than 3,-000 others. The city whose limits were marked by this pleasant signature for tourists was filled with the dead, the injured, and the grief-stricken. —Houston Chronicle photo.

MRS. B. J. STRODE, president of the Galveston Chapter of the National Council of Negro Women, took the lead in organizing volunteer relief workers after the disaster. She is shown telephoning one of the Council members in preparation for a benefit tea Sunday, the proceeds of which will aid the disaster victims.—Chicago Defender photo.

B. J. STRODE, Galveston undertaker, one of the first rescue workers on the scene of the disaster. More than 50 victims were buried from his funeral parlors.—Chicago Defender photo.

THE SECOND BLAST at Texas City wrecked a part of the McGar Motor Service Garage, which has been transformed into a temporary mortuary. Inside of the building at the time were 40 undertakers who were working on 300 persons killed in the explosion.—Chicago Defender photo.

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Texas Blast Kills 135 Negroes.

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tims were divided among the 30 undertakers in Houston.

Wipe Out Negro Area

The series of blasts Wednesday and Thursday all but wiped out the Negro area here, and property damage alone mounts high into the thousands.

It is estimated that of the 15,000 population, 700 are Negroes, most or whom are refinery workers, longshoremen and dock handlers. Most of the women are domestics.

Homes in Texas City resemble shambles after a B-29 raid. Practically all windows in homes and business establishments have been shattered. It was the Negro homes that were hardest hit because Negroes lived closest to the scene of the explosion. The front yard of the R. L. Bailey home at 429 First ave., South, resembled a bomb crater. A piece of flying steel from the French ship, Grand Camp, all but demolished the home, injuring Mrs. Bailey. She was taken to a hospital, and when she inquired as to the safety of her husband, she learned that he was injured and had been rushed to the hospital in Galveston.

"Down But Not Out"

With the tragedy now more than a week old, refugees, both Negro and white, have begun their trek back home. They will begin to gather up their household goods and try as best they can to start life anew.

Scores of women and men were a pitiful sight as they wore bandages from the injuries received by the explosion. The faces of the women and their husbands were as haggard as the undertakers and embalmers who had been working night and day since the disaster.

Willie Cole, 615 First ave., South, only Negro member of the Texas City police department, worked day and night guarding the homes of the families who were forced to flee after Wednesday's blast.

Cole summed up the general sentiment of the Texas City refugees when he said: "We may be down, but we're not out!"

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TRAGEDY TIES RACES IN FRIENDSHIP BOND
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TRAGEDY TIES RACES IN FRIENDSHIP BOND

135 Negroes Are Killed; Hold Five Funerals A Day

By DAVID W. KELLUM
(Staff Correspondent)

TEXAS CITY, Tex.—(Special)—The sorrowful task of burying the Negro dead in this sad and shattered war-boom town has begun.

A special memorial service for the dead, hundreds of whom lie in morgues, and countless others whose bodies will never be found, was held Saturday at the Texas high school stadium.

As smoke from fires still burning in two oil refineries rose high into the sky, Catholic and Protestant ministers paid tribute to victims of the disaster caused by explosions of the French ship Grand Camp and the SS High Flyer and fires in the Monsanto plant.

Color Line Forgotten

Death wiped out the color line in this, one of the nation's greatest tragedies. The toll has reached 410, and of this number, it is estimated that 135 were Negroes.

At the memorial service, Negroes and whites stood side by side and heard eulogies paid their loved ones.

Then families began the grim task of burying their dead. Funerals are being held on an average of five a day in Galveston and Houston, the two largest cities in this area. Scores of other bodies, identified by relatives, have been or are being shipped to their respective homes for final rites.

For the most part, the services are simple, with relatives and friends of the deceased gathering to pay final respects to their loved ones either at a church or funeral parlor.

It will be days before the last of the Texas City dead are buried. American Red Cross authorities say that possibly 200 more persons may be found as the search through the debris continues. The task is made doubly hard because, in many instances, the victims were literally blown to pieces.

Largest number of bodies of the victims was handled by B. J. Strode, 2728 Hall st., Galveston, who is president of the Gold Bond Burial Association. The other vic-

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BUD FLIES TO TEXAS CITY BLAST SCENE

Will Tell How Billikens Aided Rescue Work

TEXAS CITY, Tex.—David W. Kellum (Defender's Bud Billiken) and James Gushiniere, staff photographer, arrived here from Chicago early Thursday morning by plane to give Defender readers first-hand accounts with pictures of the tragic explosions that devastated this city last week.

In addition to describing various scenes at the disaster, Bud will give Billikens of America first-hand information on the part played by Texas Billikens in rescue work and in stamping out many fires in Negro districts.

Bud has received many letters from Houston, Galveston and other communities, including Texas City, seeking membership in the Chicago Defender Junior Fire Patrol. Many Billikens have already received their credentials.

House-to-House Canvass

Bud is making a house-to-house canvass of Negro districts to see how many Billikens are living up to the rules of the Fire Patrol and to see how readily they responded to last week's disaster.

One Billiken, Jerry Johnson, told Bud that his father had left for work and told his mother to remain at home, because she was ill, but his mother, who, also works, agreed to stay home, but left later for her job.

Jerry was on his way to the store when the blast occurred, he said, and the whole family thus was saved. Jerry immediately went to work extinguishing fires and aiding rescue workers, thus living up to the noblest traditions of the Bud Billiken Fire Patrol.

Take Injured To Houston

In Houston, Jefferson Davis Hospital reported treating 13 Negroes injured in the Texas City explosion and the Hermann Hospital reported administering aid to four that were hurt as a result of the blast.

The 13 reported to have received treatment for their injuries at Jefferson Davis are:

Mamie Williams, Lucille Urskine, Haltee Hairstone, Otis Chaney, Felix McZey, Evelyn Buckner, Ophelia Goodwin, La Verne Williams, Essie Mae Black, Myrtle Black, Andrew Mills, Jesse Lee Jackson and Curtis Greys.

Those receiving treatment at Hermann were: Ely Henry, Carl Henry, Viola Randle, and Brenda Randle.

All of the injured at Jefferson Davis were treated and released, attendants said.

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SEGREGATION TAKES HOLIDAY IN TEXAS

The Texas City tragedy in which the whole Negro section was wiped out is without doubt one of the worst disasters to occur in recent years. However gruesome and sorrowful a sight the charred bodies of hundreds of the victims presented, there was a peculiar note of relief that was manifest throughout the whole period of the raging fires that virtually razed the city. Death had brought temporary end to racial segregation and discrimination in Texas.

Bodies of Negroes and whites awaited burial from the same funeral parlors and at a memorial service that followed, members of both races stood side by side and prayed and wept together in the same church. This was, of course, a temporary surcease from the rigors of racial antagonism but it proves beyond peradventure of a doubt that if the two races can mix in times of sorrow, they can mix in times of joy. And, they can do so in a moment of less strain with greater credit to themselves and to society in general.

In splitting the color line under the impact of the catastrophe, the Texas City citizens show that they recognize the oneness of mankind. But it seems that a tragedy is needed to bring the spirit of brotherhood out.

Some people have carried their folly so far as to segregate Negroes even in graveyards. They have separate burial grounds as if the dead were going to be judged by a different God in a different place. We believe when white folk become more enlightened they will drop their emotional attitude toward the other races of mankind.

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Ol' Bud Billiken Enjoys Trip Around Vancouver
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Ol' Bud Billiken Enjoys Trip Around Vancouver

By BUD BILLIKEN
(Installment VI)

NOT knowing anyone in Vancouver, I had to resort to a sight-seeing bus for my trip around the city and what I saw is recorded here briefly.

Before boarding the Gray Lines Bus at the Hotel Vancouver the driver made a short speech in which he said:

"This is a tour of modern fairyland. Vancouver, the city carved from a wilderness, offers every thrill of a perfect vacationland."

Leaving the hotel, the bus moved on into Stanley Park, then over Burrerd Bridge to Marine Drive, past lovely beach houses to Point Grey and the University of British Columbia. We returned through Shaughnessy's fine old residential area, its winding boulevards lined with great mansions, sleeping gracefully in their landscaped gardens. The panorama of sea and sky and mountains is constantly changing as you move along. Then the bus came back downtown through Chinatown, past silent groups of Chinese reading news from home. And, finally, to the business section, busy, yet never losing its air of dignity befitting this typically English city.

Points Of Interest

And now here are the points of interest in Vancouver and if per chance you should make the trip, be sure to see them:

Stanley Park — Perhaps the greatest single attraction in Vancouver, a thousand acres of natural, primitive forest, only a few minutes' drive from the centre of the city. Overlooking the entrance to the harbour, it offers countless magnificent views, shady walks and bridle paths, rock, botanical and zoological gardens, stretches of quiet beach, Brockton Point, Pauline Johnson monument, Indian village and totems, Prospect Point, Siwash Rock.

University of British Columbia—The University, with its campus, golf course and endowment lands, occupies an enviable site on the tip of Point Grey.

St. James' Church—A fine building designed by the noted British architect, Adrian Gilbert Scott, in the new concrete style and which stands on the site of the historic first church of Vancouver and neighborhood. (The first church was built on the waterfront in 1881 and rebuilt after the great fire on the present site in 1886.)

Vancouver Art Gallery—A permanent exhibit of valuable old masters, etchings and black-and-white as well as special exhibitions of current interest.

Features of Vancouver are the palatial Hotel Vancouver, a strikingly handsome City Hall and the beautiful Lions Gate suspension bridge—one of the longest suspension bridges in the world—which connects the city with two thriving communities, with an immediate background of mountains, on the other side of the Inlet, West Vancouver and North Vancouver.

On the Point Grey Road near at hand there is a cairn erected by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada with an inscribed bronze tablet commemorating the spot off which Captain Vancouver met the Spanish Commanders Galiano and Valdez in 1792 — after whom two islands near the coast are named.

(Next week Bud will take you on his trip to Portland, Ore.).

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Oklahoma City Hears Bud In Talks On Fire
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Oklahoma City Hears Bud In Talks On Fire

By LEORA HODGE
(President Okla. Beauty Culturist League)

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—(Special)—The dangers of fires and how to prevent them, were told the children of seven schools here last week when the children's editor of the Chicago Defender, better known as Bud Billiken spoke as a feature of the national observance of FIRE PREVENTION WEEK.

Bud Billiken won his way into the hearts of the youngsters and his visit was one which will be long remembered. From the minute he arrived aboard a Braniff DC-4 Super B Liner Monday morning until he left early Wednesday morning, the kiddies' editor was busy dividing his time between the school children, and members of the Oklahoma Beauty Culturists League which held its second annual cosmetologist convention at YWCA Center.

As state president of the league, it was my pleasure to accompany Bud Billiken on his city-wide tour and I can frankly say that never in the history of Oklahoma City has there been a man who won the hearts of the children and parents as did 'Ol' Bud Billiken.

So impressed were the children who heard Bud Billiken's talks, that they pledged to become members of the Chicago Defender Junior Fire Patrol with the slogan, "WE'LL STOP FIRES AND SAVE LIVES."

First talk was at the Inman Page elementary school of which W. G. Sneed is principal where 200 children gathered in the assembly hall for the mass meeting then Bud journeyed over to the George Washington Carver School where the kiddies were busy listening to the World Series and recording the activities of their favorite — Jackie Robinson. Other visits on the city-wide tour were made at Edwards Addition and Dunbar elementary schools and the Douglas High School.

The most colorful ceremony was at Douglas where the entire student body gathered and listened as Bud Billiken told of the Natchez, Miss., disaster which took a death toll of some 200 or more persons at a dance hall where the famous Walter Barnes orchestra was playing. Then the kiddies' editor related his experiences at the Texas City, Texas, fire, one of the major disasters of this year.

Preceding Bud's talk, the crack Douglas High School band, whose members were attired in gay uniforms played several selections. This unit is under the direction of Mrs. G. M. Breaux, who received her master's degree in music at Northwestern University. Prof. F. D. Moon is principal and presided at the ceremony.

In warning the children of the dangers of fire Bud Billiken pointed out that three out of four fires start from:

1. Matches and careless smoking habits.
2. Faulty chimneys, stoves, furnaces, etc.
3. Misuse of gasoline and all inflammable fluids.
4. Defective wiring and electrical appliances.

Continuing his talk, Bud Billiken stated that statistics show that 27 Americans are killed daily by fire, on the average of 10,000 a year. To date, he said, 32 Negroes have been killed in Chicago by fires since last year.

Bud Reveals Other Facts

Other facts on the causes and results and prevention of fire were given by the children's editor. Among them was the statement that "A clean house rarely burns." That smoking and matches constitute the largest single cause of fires in homes, and that the carelessness in the use of electrical and heating appliances caused an estimated 3,000 Chicago fires last year.

In each school the children promised to observe Bud Billiken's safety rules and help to avoid danger to others as well as to themselves, from fires.

Bud Billiken is making a strong appeal this week for more Junior Fire Patrol boys and girls and YOU are asked to fill out the blank at the bottom of this page and mail it, together with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Bud Billiken, Chicago Defender, 3435 Indiana ave., Chicago 15, Ill.

INTERRACIAL GROUP of students hears Bud Billiken tell how important it is for them to join in fight against fire terror. Bud is spearheading campaign in Chicago to enlist aid of city's youth in preventing recurrences of series of disastrous fires which swept through city last winter. Importance of fire prevention program was emphasized early Friday morning when fire swept tenement building on near Northside killing 10 persons, six of them children.

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Volunteer Fire Probers Begin Training Course
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the Defender began its studies last week. When the more than 200 men and women are thoroughly instructed in the techniques of discerning fire hazards, they will cover every building in the community, bolstering the work of 53 city building inspectors.

Volunteer Fire Probers Begin Training Course

The first training class of volunteer fire inspectors sponsored by

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BUD WARNS BUFFALO BILLIKENS OF FIRE

David Kellum Welcomed By Junior Patrol

BUFFALO, N. Y.—(Special)—Ol' Bud Billiken, the kiddies friend, received a never-to-be-forgotten reception here Sunday and Monday when he attended to two mammoth mass meetings for the organization of the Chicago Defender Bud Billiken Junior Fire Patrol.

The first meeting was held Sunday morning at Friendship Baptist Church of which the Rev. Richard H. Dixon is the pastor. Principal speakers were David W. Kellum (Ol' Bud himself), and Fire Inspector H. F. Curthoys of the Buffalo Fire Department who represented Fire Commissioner Joseph Masterson and William Campbell, Chicago Defender Special Representatives.

On Monday, Bud threw an ice cream and cookie party for thousands of children who enrolled in the Junior Fire Patrol. They received their buttons and safety rules and promised that they would "Be Careful With Fire in Order to Save a Life."

Bud Billiken arrived aboard the American Airline Flagship with Eddie "Rochester" Anderson, star of Jack Benny's radio program and Bud's travelling companion on the trip. Rochester was en route to New York City for a week's engagement at the Roxy Theater.

The movie star and Bud were given a warm welcome in Buffalo by members of both races at the airport.

Bud opened his speech with the startling question: "Did you know that a total of 11,000 persons died in fires last year in the United States?" He continued, explaining that 255,000 American homes, or one every 90 seconds, was damaged by fire. Ninety-five per cent of these fires were preventable, he told the Billiken Club members and their parents, "therefore, most of these lives were sacrificed needlessly."

Give Bud Courage

Bud, who has carried his campaign for fire prevention into several communities told the overflow audience "it gives us added courage to know that you are standing firm behind the Chicago Defender Bud Billiken Junior Fire Patrol, which is mobilizing its 10,000 juvenile members to BE CAREFUL AND SAVE A LIFE."

He pointed to the unhappy list of tragedies in Chicago, where 14 persons, including eight children, died in fires in one month, this year. He repeated President Truman's warning that fire prevention is a year round responsibility.

Audience Takes Pledge

At the end of his speech, Bud had all the audience stand, and recite after him the rules and the pledge that entitle members to wear the Junior Fire Patrol emblem. He then distributed the pins. The rules are as follows:

1. To stamp out cigar and cigaret butts found in the hallways or in other rooms of the home.
2. To stop playing with matches or other inflammable material.
3. To clean up rubbish and piles of paper wherever found, realizing that fires start easily from paper left scattered on floors.
4. To urge members of the family and roomers not to smoke in bed.
5. To keep calm and avoid hysteria, should a fire occur.
6. To keep the Fire Department telephone numbers posted near the phone.
7. To not make the mistake of trying to fight a fire yourself thus giving the blaze a head-start.
8. To call the Fire Department as soon as a blaze starts then stay at the alarm box to direct the firemen to the fire.
9. To warn everybody in the building, should a fire start, and help smaller children to the nearest exit.

"Those of you who are interested in fire prevention and the saving of lives because of carelessness are asked to stand and be sworn in as a member of the Chicago Defender Bud Billiken Junior Fire Patrol," Bud concluded, "please repeat this safety pledge"—

I pledge myself to protect life and property against fire. I will aid in removing hazards. I will use care with fire so that my home and community will be a safe place to live, work and prosper.

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Camera Records Bud Billiken's Trip To Buffalo To Organize Fire Patrol

CAMERA RECORDS story of Bud Billiken's visit to Buffalo, N.Y., where the Chicago Defender kiddies' editor inducted 2,000 children into the Bud Billiken Fire Patrol. (No. 1) David W. Kellum, known to the children as Bud Billiken, as he spoke at mass meeting at Friendship Baptist Church. (No. 2) A part of group of youngsters who enjoyed Bud Billiken free ice cream party Monday. (No. 3) The Rev. Richard H. Dixon, pastor, and Hubert F. Curthoys, Buffalo fire inspector as they endorsed Chicago Defender fire prevention program. (No. 4) Fire Inspector Curthoys talks over Bud Billiken's Junior Fire Patrol with small group of youngsters. The organization of the Fire Patrol was in conjunction with a Clean-Up, Paint-Up program launched by Rev. Dixon, a former Chicago minister.—Photos by Bryant.

Bud Billiken Welcomed By Huge Throng

BUFFALO, N. Y.—(Special)—"Fire is a dangerous killer—Be Careful With Fire—It May Take Your Life," was the subject of an address delivered here Sunday at a huge mass meeting at Friendship Baptist Church by David W. Kellum, the Chicago Defender's Bud Billiken.

Bud Billiken "threw" an ice cream party Monday and inducted 3,000 youngsters into the newly formed Bud Billiken Junior Fire Patrol. The mass meeting and party climaxed a clean-up-paint-up drive conducted by the Rev. Richard H. Dixon, pastor of Friendship church.

"This was the greatest event ever held here in Buffalo," declared William Campbell, distributor of the Chicago Defender. "It has brought new life to the children and has awakened the parents to the dangers of fire."

Sharing honors with Bud Billiken at the meeting was Fire Inspector H. F. Cuthuys, representing Fire Commissioner Joseph Masterson; Rev. Dixon, and Campbell.

"I have listened to Mr. Kellum's talk about the dangers of fire," said Inspector Cuthuys, "and can say that the safety rules outlined are in keeping with our Fire Prevention Bureau regulations."

Continuing Cuthoys said, "There can be no doubt that this is one of the finest plans to be offered in Buffalo and I can say for Commissioner Matherson that the Buffalo Fire Department highly endorses the Chicago Defender Bud Billiken Junior Fire Patrol."

The following are among the boys and girls of Friendship Baptist church who enrolled in the Fire-Patrol.

Mary Hightower
500 Clinton
Apt. 110
Buffalo, N.Y.
Verner Epney
126 Monroe
Buffalo, N.Y.
Terry A. Simmons
48 A. Niel Pl.
Buffalo, N.Y.
Willie Simmons
48 A. Niel Pl.
Buffalo, N.Y.
Louis Chesni Jr.
187 Hickory
Buffalo, N.Y.
Dock Washington
250 Cedar
Buffalo, N.Y.
Robert Lee Washington
250 Cedar
Buffalo, N.Y.
Baker Earl Washington
250 Cedar
Buffalo, N.Y.
Byron Chinn
48 FIRE st.
Buffalo, N.Y.
Percy Coley
157-B Abriett Ct.
Buffalo, N.Y.
Christine Davis
438 Clinton
Buffalo, N.Y.

Harriette Griffin
500 Clinton
Apt. 102
Buffalo, N.Y.
Cynthia Merriweather
23 Fifth st.
Buffalo, N.Y.
Sammie Perkins
176 Woodlawn
Buffalo, N.Y.
Robert Woods Jr.
24 Cedar
Buffalo, N.Y.
Shirley J. Williams
81 Pratt
Buffalo, N.Y.
Jeanita Byrd
143 Hickory
Buffalo, N.Y.
Margaret Johnson
41 Pratt
Buffalo, N.Y.
Shirley Thompson
69 Pratt
Buffalo, N.Y.
Sammy Gibson
13 Madison
Buffalo, N.Y.
Samuel Lloyd
138 Monroe
Buffalo, N.Y.

Edward Johnson
88 Watson
Buffalo, N.Y.
Joseph Watkins
72 Watson
Buffalo, N.Y.
Dewey Jenkins
74 Watson
Buffalo, N.Y.
Kenneth Moody
76 Watson
Buffalo, N.Y.
Donald Moody
76 Watson
Buffalo, N.Y.
James Phillips
305 Clinton
Buffalo, N.Y.
Evelyn Baker
278 E. Division
Buffalo, N.Y.
Bernice Ann Davis
425 Clinton
Buffalo, N.Y.
Miriam Gibson
433 Clinton
Buffalo, N.Y.
Shirley Hammond
175 Hickory
Buffalo, N.Y.
Alatrah Thrift
198 Hickory
Buffalo, N.Y.
Reice Tisch
186 Hickory
Buffalo, N.Y.
Executive Board
48 C Will
Buffalo, N.Y.
Percy D. Young
102 Pratt
Buffalo, N.Y.
Doris Cannon
175 Hickory
Buffalo, N.Y.
Grace Lloyd
138 Monroe
Buffalo, N.Y.
Georgia Ware
171 Hickory
Buffalo, N.Y.
Scott Green
131 Bennett
Buffalo, N.Y.
Rudolph Collins
220 Cedar
Buffalo, N.Y.
Lillian Ann Davis
433 Clinton
Buffalo, N.Y.
Robert Lowe
181 Pratt st.
Buffalo, N.Y.
Sylvester Cooke
610 Hickory
Buffalo, N.Y.
Deering Henry
136 Monroe
Buffalo, N.Y.
Hazel Daniels
25 Walnut
Buffalo, N.Y.
Sandra Thach
198 Hickory
Buffalo, N.Y.
Carole Mae Upshaw
58 Howard
Buffalo, N.Y.
Earl Walker Jr.
248 Spring
Buffalo, N.Y.
Clarence Eaton
160 Walnut
Buffalo, N.Y.
Gladys Dawson
58 Howard
Buffalo, N. Y.
Lloyd Fakes
156 Woodlawn
Buffalo, N.Y.
Arthur Rooks
163 Walnut
Buffalo, N.Y.
William McAllister
186 Hickory
Buffalo, N.Y.
Jessie Taylor
305 Clinton
Buffalo, N.Y.
Beverly Williams
173 Hickory
Buffalo, N.Y.
Willie Martin
132 Jefferson
Buffalo, N.Y.
Arthur Ferryman
963 E. Division
Buffalo, N.Y.
Carrie Bell
209 Hickory
Buffalo, N.Y.
Tyrone Christopher
58 Walnut
Buffalo, N.Y.
Dorris Richardson
154 Walnut
Buffalo, N.Y.
Arthur Henry
138 Monroe
Buffalo, N.Y.
Calvin Woods
54 C Willi Pl.
Buffalo, N.Y.
Walter Christopher
58 Walnut
Buffalo, N.Y.
Alex Bunker
187 Hickory
Buffalo, N.Y.
Helen Williams
173 Hickory
Buffalo, N.Y.
Arthur Davis
438 Clinton
Buffalo, N.Y.

Clarence Baker
276 E. Division
Buffalo, N.Y.
Yvonne McKnight
140 Monroe st.
Buffalo, N.Y.
Alice McKnight
140 Monroe st.
Buffalo, N.Y.
Emerson Phillips
238 Adams st.
Buffalo, N.Y.
Clifford Phillips
238 Adams st.
Buffalo, N.Y.
Leonard Rose
242 Adams st.
Buffalo, N.Y.
Alice Rose
242 Adams st.
Buffalo, N.Y.
Mildred Dixon
68 Howard st.
Buffalo, N.Y.
Yvonne Davis
433 Clinton
Buffalo, N.Y.
Gloria Jean Bland
682 Walet Pl.
Buffalo, N.Y.
Jeanie Louise Watts
169 Walnut
Buffalo, N.Y.
Kenneth Williams
175 Hickory
Buffalo, N.Y.
Jessie Hopkins
21 Madison
Buffalo, N.Y.
Roy Farmer
26 Madison
Buffalo, N.Y.
Emerson Young
102 Pratt st.
Buffalo, N.Y.
Lorrain Johnson
47 Pratt st.
Buffalo, N.Y.
Rose Mae Griffin
500 Clinton st.
Buffalo, N.Y.
Gracie Garber
31 Walnut st.
Buffalo, N.Y.
Thomas Jean McCloser
156 Woodlawn ave.
Buffalo, N.Y.
Charlotta Flournoy
429 William
Buffalo, N.Y.
Leslie Simmons
429 William
Buffalo, N.Y.
Kenneth Kavanagh
150 Walnut
Buffalo, N.Y.
Carl Pierson
156 Walnut
Buffalo, N.Y.
John Akers
187 Monroe
Buffalo, N.Y.
Carl Bates
156 Woodlawn
Buffalo, N.Y.
Ora Lee Willis
169 Walnut
Buffalo, N.Y.
Mary Mae Akers
69 Pratt st.
Buffalo, N.Y.
Junior Freeman
73 Pratt
Buffalo, N.Y.
Melvin Neal
81 Pratt
Buffalo, N.Y.
Lenzy Sanders
39 Pratt
Buffalo, N.Y.
Ronald Dunmore
178 Cedar
Buffalo, N.Y.
Gertrude Ware
171 Hickory
Buffalo, N.Y.
Joseph McClain
178 Woodlawn ave.
Buffalo, N.Y.
Thomas Watkins
463 Adams st.
Buffalo, N.Y.
Mae Ruth Brown
28 Broadway
Buffalo, N.Y.
Beatrice Camp
40 Bearon
Buffalo, N.Y.
Kenneth Dortmore
178 Cedar
Buffalo, N.Y.
Lawrence Davis
433 Clinton
Buffalo, N.Y.
Cheryl Jackson
438 Clinton
Buffalo, N.Y.
J. L. Redmond
43 Vitz Pl.
Buffalo, N.Y.
Melvin Cass
178 Cedar
Buffalo, N.Y.
Sam Coleman
305 Clinton
Buffalo, N.Y.
Roosevelt Miles Jr.
73 Walnut
Buffalo, N.Y.
Barbara Peters
43 Cedar
Buffalo, N.Y.
Mattie James
41 Cedar
Buffalo, N.Y.

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Bud Says 'Thank You' For Your Billiken Letters

HERE'S BUD'S HONOR ROLL

Picnic Crowds Out Many Notes; Writers Honored

Dave Kellum, Bud Billiken, wishes to thank club members, Billikens from all states and countries, for letters which they have sent to him and which, although they escaped old man W.B., never were published.

Bud points out that they were fine letters, and that he read them with great interest and held them for use in the Defender. But along came the 18th Billiken picnic, the Carnival of Fun here in Chicago Aug. 9, and it developed into the biggest Billiken festival ever held.

Because the Junior Fire Patrol had been organized and the city firemen took a keen interest in the festival—and because of the cooperation of dozens of other groups—the picnic got so big it covered all the available space for Billiken news in the paper.

Besides, you know, club members — you must have heard in school, surely — there is a great world-wide paper shortage.

David Kellum

Right here in Chicago you often can't buy paper hankies or face tissues. Some of the Billikens who write from Africa are feeling the shortage there, too, we think, because they write beautifully but in very tiny script and on both sides of the paper. That is a necessity some places today.

So, because of the great Carnival of Fun and the beautiful photographs of the floats and of the boys and girls which were published in the Defender, there just wasn't room for all the Billiken letters. Bud felt very disappointed because he knew some fine club members would be disappointed not to see their letters in the paper.

[redacted]

your notes and announces that all the following names have been added to the Honor Roll.

David D. Overstreet Attorneath Sect. 77 Det. RAFC Lagos, Nigeria

Cheryl Jack Sans D. Trostel Tverdo Trechanec, CPK, France

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(More honor roll next week).

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Billikens Prepare For Fire Prevention Week

Bud Wants All Kiddies To Join Jr. Fire Patrol

Fill Out Blank At Bottom Of This Page Immediately

HOW would you like to become a member of the Chicago Defender Junior Fire Patrol and receive a beautiful button, card, and get your name on the Billiken HONOR ROLL?

A mass registration of all Chicago kiddies begins this week and continues until midnight Sunday, Oct. 12, and during that time, all boys and girls who fill out the Junior Fire Patrol blank at the bottom of this page, will receive a special present in conjunction with FIRE PREVENTION WEEK.

Be A Fire Fighter

Junior Fire Patrol members will become Junior Fire Fighters, whose job is to prevent fires as well as put them out.

Slogan of Bud's Junior Fire Patrol members is BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE . . IT MAY TAKE YOUR LIFE and the following safety rules are offered for safety's sake:

Stamp out cigar and cigarette butts found in the hallways or in other rooms of the home.

Stop playing with matches or other inflammable material.

Clean up rubbish and piles of paper wherever found, realizing that fires start easily from paper left scattered on the floor.

Urge your parents and other adults not to smoke in bed.

Notify the Fire Department in case of emergency.

Keep calm and avoid hysterics, should a fire occur.

Don't make the mistake of trying to fight a fire yourself, thus giving the blaze a head start.

Call the Fire Department as soon as a blaze starts, then stay at the alarm box to direct firemen to the fire.

Warn everybody in the building, should a fire start, and help smaller children to the nearest exit.

Remember to BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE . . IT MAY TAKE YOUR LIFE.

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mark the joyous day. There was singing and dancing in the streets.

Off in Bethel, N. C., a Negro girl was born at the exact minute the peace announcement came

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Chicago U. Aide Hits Own School For Racism

Now it's official.

Even the University of Chicago's top leaders charge the midway institution with fostering race prejudice.

Milton Mayer, nationally known author and assistant to Chancellor Robert Hutchins, charged that his university was a hotbed of racism.

"I accuse the University of Chicago of racism," declared Mayer at a meeting at Graham Taylor Hall on Friday, Aug. 10, in which the topic of discussion was "Is the University of Chicago Promoting Racism by Supporting Property-Owners Associations?"

The meeting, originally scheduled to be held on the university campus, had been banned by the school's officials because the students invited "outsiders" to the discussion. It was finally sponsored by the Committee of Racial Equality and by the Chicago Council Against Racial Discrimination.

Mayer urged Hyde Park residents to "badger the university day and night, in season and out, until it does something to attack restrictive covenants."

He indicated that the exposure of the racist practices of the university and of the property owners associations be continued because "one thing wrongdoers dread is the light of day, since it is not popular to be openly fascist and not fashionable to be caught being fascist."

Dusting off the NEWS

By LUCIUS C. HARPER

THERE ARE SOME BILBOS AT WORK IN OUR ARMIES

THAT ALL the Bilbos are not confined principally to the U.S. Senate, nor are they isolated in Mississippi, but some of their ilk are safely tucked away in our military forces where they can crush our spirit and impede our progress without outside interference, is strikingly indicated in a personal letter to this column from 600 men of "D" Companies of the 17th, 56th and 66th Armored Infantry Battalion of the 12th Armored Division.

L. C. Harper

This group of heartbroken, spirit-crushed soldiers, who, having served their country bravely and conquered the enemy, fell victim to a greater enemy (race prejudice) operating so successfully within their own ranks and behind their backs. Here is how "military Bilboism" has wrecked the hopes and aspirations of our black heroes. Their case is not singular; it has become rather typical in the widespread Jim Crow system in our armed forces, fighting ironically, for Democracy. Here it is:

Dear Mr. Harper:

We, of whom this letter concerns, are six hundred of the several

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Negro GI's Join Chinese in Wild V-J Day Celebration On Stilwell Road

By DETON J. BROOKS
(Defender War Correspondent)

CHUNGKING, China.—It was a great day for sun-tan GIs when news reached here Tuesday, of Japan's surrender.

Through jungles of Burma, along far stretches of mountainous Stilwell road, steaming cities of India and China—in fact everywhere in the vast theatres of India-Burma and China, where thousands of Negro troops are stationed, there was jubilant celebrations and an itching to get started toward home.

The news itself came somewhat as an anti-climax for troops in China have been celebrating ever since last Friday night when the first premature news of Jap capitulation was first flashed here. Since then there has been an air of expectation, but it didn't stop renewed festivities.

One of the greatest enthusiastic outbursts took place at Kinming, China, where Stilwell Road ends. There roadway Negro GIs, many of whom had just arrived after a gruelling 17-day trip from Ledo, Assam, India, joined the Chinese populace in one of the dizziest, wildest celebrations staged anywhere.

Simultaneously with news, as if by magic, the Chinese produced firecrackers by thousands which could be heard exploding above the din of the shouting, cheering, and singing masses.

Every American soldier, black or white, was a "Ding Hao" fellow. As one group of tall tan GIs smillingly ambled down a street, they were swung to shoulders of a group of Chinese and literally carried away. Two others bewilderingly found themselves holding bottles of yellow wine which had been thrust in their hands by some passer-by. Others were swept into wine shops and royally entertained.

Trotting down one street came a host of both colored and white GIs pulling rickshaws with their ragged coolies seated in them grinning broadly. All army trucks were jammed full with GIs and Chinese, all mixed together.

As night drew on torchlight parades started and one brown soldier slightly tipsy from previous hours of celebrating soberly commented "Man—this is just like Christmas at home." Then on second thought he said "No—it's more like the Fourth of July, 'cause that's the day we shoot firecrackers."

In Calcutta, India, where several thousand Negro GIs are stationed and hundreds of others go on leave, there was an air of excitement also. Eating and drinking spots were crowded. No one was waiting for official proclamation of V-J Day to show how glad they felt.

In malaria-infested jungles of Northern Burma and desolate mountain regions of Western China along the Stilwell Road where thousands of black engineers and quartermasters are stationed in isolated camps, there was no chance for the type of thing which could be done in large cities. But even there some celebration took place.

A few bottles of rice wine furtively bought from natives or a few cans of beer constituted their only strong drink for informal tent or Basha parties.

Celebrations now are in marked

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DOROTHY GREETS DISABLED VETS

Disabled veterans recently returned from far-flung battle fronts were given a war greeting Saturday by glamorous Dorothy Donegan, "Bombshell of Rhythm," and queen of the boogie-woogie at the swimming pool pavilion in Washington park as a feature of the Chicago Defender Bud Billiken Club's 16 Annual Parade and picnic. Dorothy, center, greets the vets as WAC Cpl. Katherine Hunt, at left, smiles her approval. The three vets, left to right are: Pvt. Bedford White, Pfc. Robert Robey and T-5 Isadore Slack. All are from Gardner General hospital.—Scott Tyler photo.

Half Million Join In Bud Billiken Picnic

(See Photos on Page 24)

By ALBERT G. BARNETT

Conquering heroes of World War II came home from the far-flung battle fronts of the world Saturday, to receive the wild acclaim of more than a half-million people at the Chicago Defender Bud Billiken Club's 16th annual parade and picnic.

With more than 10,000 persons in the colorful pageant, marching to the tunes of a score or more bands; with 30 gaily-colored floats adding a touch of pomp to the three-mile procession—and with one float—a replica of the flag-raising on Iwo Jima, having six white marines holding Old Glory aloft—hundreds of thousands of spectators yelled themselves hoarse at the breath-taking magnitude of the historic parade.

All along the line-of-march, from the starting point at 33rd and Michigan avenue, south to 55th street, then east to Washington Park, the crowds stood at the curbs in lines four and five deep, with countless thousands more leaning from window sills, from roof-tops, atop viaducts and waving and shouting from any vantage point that gave clear point of vision.

In the vanguard and sitting on top of an open coupe as he acknowledged the plaudits of the throng, was David W. Kellum, city editor of the Chicago Defender and nationally known as Bud Billiken, who was the general director of the Bud Billiken Club's 16th annual parade.

In the line-of-march there were

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Half Million Join In Billiken Picnic

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units of the U. S, Army including a detachment and band from Camp Ellis, Ill., the crack band from Great Lakes Naval Training Station, a battalion of soldiers from the Eighth Illinois Reserve Militia, commanded by Colonel Clifton E. Jones, members of the United States Coast Guard, 2,000 Boy Scouts, 1,000 Girl Scouts, 5,000 juvenile police in striking uniforms and carrying colorful banners.

Contingent of disabled war veterans, riding in open cars and coming to the parade from the Vaughn and Gardner General hospitals, Veterans of Foreign Wars, members of the George Giles Post, American Legion and several thousand members of women's patriotic organizations. The junior auxiliary of the Robert S. Abbott Branch, AWVS, wearing striking blue uniforms, walked off with first honors—and a cash prize of $100—as the best drilled, best dressed unit in the parade.

Mayor's Proclamation

Mayor Edward J. Kelly set the pattern for the demonstration by proclaiming Saturday, Aug. 11, Bud Billiken Day and urging all citizens to participate in this great interracial pageant.

At the big War Bond Rally held after the parade at the swimming pavilion in Washington Park and conducted by Major C. Udell Turpin, more than $1,000,000 in bonds were reported sold—an all-time high for such occasions.

Representing Mayor Kelly, Sheriff Michael Mulcahy brought greetings to the thousands in the swimming pool grandstands and the huge throng that occupied every available inch of space and spread out to the near-by picnic grounds. A powerful public address system carried the voices of the speakers and entertainers for distances more than a block away.

John Sengstacke Speaks

Other speakers included John H. Sengstacke, president and general manager of the Chicago Defender; Arthur B. Knight of the Office of Civilian Defense, and A. W. Williams, president of the Unity Mutual Life Insurance company and the South Central Community association, which group presented Bud Billiken Kellum with a matched set of traveling bags for his successful staging of the big affair.

Heading the list of army officers was Colonel Joseph Torrence of the Sixth Service Command. Col. Torrence said:

"It is most fitting in this hour of great anticipated victory that an institution such as the Chicago Defender's Bud Billiken Club, should honor the Return of the Conquering Heroes at its 18th annual picnic and parade—heroes such as you see about this platform.

Congrainlates Sponsors

"The Chicago Defender and David W. Kellum are to be congratulated for their untiring efforts to foster the spirit of true Americanism in the children of this community through the Bud Billiken Club. Their efforts have resulted in better citizenship for thousands.

"Let us earnestly hope and work together so that the 17th Annual Bud Billiken Day parade will see all of our conquering heroes home."

Other officers who brought greetings to the Billiken Day crowds included Major Edward Milstead and Captain Oliver Wallace.

Heading the star-studded entertainment program that highlighted the War Bond Rally at the swimming pool pavilion, was glamorous, talented Dorothy Donegan, "Bombshell of Rhythm," whose swing version of Hamp's Boogie set ten thousand voices to ring with wild acclaim, and groups of jitterbugs to do their stuff at the very edges of the swimming pools. Dorothy, always smiling and gracious, was introduced by 'Bud Billiken' Kellum, and graciously played encores, after which she was photographed giving welcome handshakes to the wounded vets.

Other stars who matched the fast entertainment pace set by Dorothy, were Earl (Fatha) Hines and his famous swing band; Arthur Lee Simpkins of the Chez Paree, a Hollywood favorite; Two-Ton Baker, the Melody Maker, of Radio Station WGN; the stars and floor shows of the DeLisa Club and Rhumboogie and El Grotto niteries, and a number of juvenile headliners and featured artists.

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Housing Crisis Will Be City's Worst

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Large Emily Taft Douglas and Sens. Wayland Brooks and Scott Lucas.

Fight Restrictive Pacts

Meanwhile, the fight against restrictive covenants was being pressed by numerous organizations, including the local branch NAACP and the Committee of Racial Equality, which last week picketed the Loop office of New-

REV. WM. S. BRADDAN

Popular pastor of Berean Baptist church, who, on behalf of Berean, this week donated $100 to the fund being raised by the Meharry Alumni association for erection of a dormitory on the Nashville campus. Alumni officials stated that the Berean donation is the first received from a church thus far in the drive to reach the $200,000 fund goal.

Admit 2 Negro Girls To U. Of I. Dormitories

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man for the committee, university president, A. C. Willard stated:

"It is true that housing conditions for colored women leave a great deal to be desired. It is the opinion of our division of student housing staff that most of the colored students attending the University of Illinois are as well, if not better, housed than they are in their own homes."

The committee questioned the requirement for indication of race and national descent as part of the information requested on applications for dormitory space.

President Willard's answer was, "So far as we know, other colleges and universities require similar information."

Committee Chairman Susie Myers of the Illinois Association of Colored Women told the Defender that the problem is not solved with the admission of two girls into university dormitories.

"Housing provided for over 70 Negro girls attending Illinois each semester still remains intolerable. The committee will continue its fight for full integration of Negro students in use of all facilities of this state university."

Ask Single Standard

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EDITED BY BUD BILLIKEN

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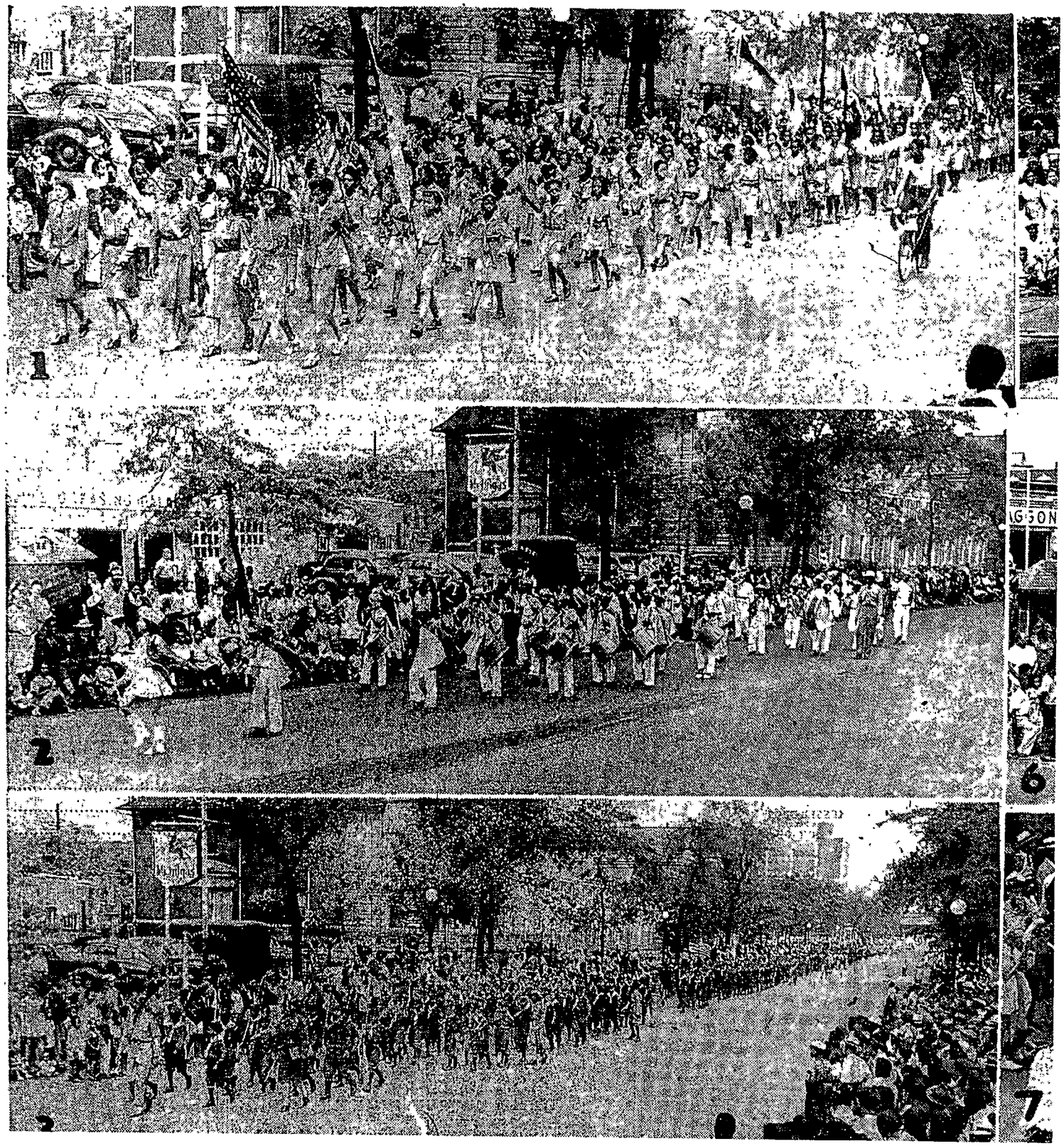

Heavyweight Boxing Champion Joe Louis is now a bride. Yes, she was "married" Monday, June 11 to Master John Stokes Jr., and cameraman caught this picture of the "newlyweds" just after the ceremony. Little Miss Louis was the feature attraction in the "million dollar" tiny tot wedding at St. John AME church, 6201 Throop street.

State Militia Gets Set For Parade

The crack Illinois state militia under the command of Col. Clifton E. Jones, will march in the "Return of the Conquering Heroes" parade which features the 16th annual Bud Billiken picnic Saturday, August 11, sponsored by the Chicago Defender.

Approval for the militia's participation was given this week in a letter from Adjutant General Leo Boyle whose letter in part reads:

Col. Jones

"Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of June 16, requesting the participation of the 8th Infantry, Illinois Reserve Militia, in the 16th Annual Bud Billiken Parade and Picnic, sponsored by the Chicago Defender in Washington Park Saturday, August 11.

"Approval is given this request . . ."

And there you have it boys and girls. The state militia under the command of Col. Jones, veteran of World War II, will be among the patriotic units you'll see in the parade down Michigan avenue.

The militia will have in the line of march:

1. A crack band
2. A battalion of soldiers
3. Forty army trucks
4. Flight reconnaissance cars
5. Twelve scout cars
6. Three American Red Cross trucks

This year marks the first time that the state militia will turn out in full strength for the Bud Billiken parade and already Col. Jones says that his men are sure to make all Chicago feel proud of them.

Wm. Watkins Is Publisher Of Newspaper

While visiting in Chicago last week, William L. Watkins Jr., 17, of Pensacola, Fla., called on Bud in person and applied for a membership in the Bud Billiken club.

Short in stature and with the dignity of a promising journalist, William is the editor and publisher of the Junior Press, a week-

PLEDGES LOYALTY

MARY ELLA WILLIAMS

New club member, who has pledged her loyalty to the Billiken organization. Since

only to clip the FREE EATS COUPON at the bottom of this page and bring or mail it with a stamped, self addressed envelope and your ticket will be sent immediately.

Remember, without the tickets, you positively cannot get the FREE EATS Bud Billiken will have on hand for his kiddies. Start today and send in for your ticket.

Fifty-Two Get Diplomas At Felsenthal

Fifty-two boys and girls were awarded diplomas Thursday by Principal C. L. Cooper at the commencement exercises of the Felsenthal Elementary school. The class officers included Stephen Lucas, president; Helen Jones, vice president; Cleoa Johnson, secretary, and Ernestine Johnson, treasurer.

The following are the graduates:

Annie Anderson, Jack Allen, Lillie Mae Arterberry, Inez Brown, Sylvia Brown, Floyd Caston, Katherine Chambers, Gloria Daniels, Willie Davis, Tyre Ford, Aretha Gilliam, Marian Gordon, Doris Green, John Henley, Helen Henderson, Theresa Hicks, Walter Hicks, Earnest Hines, Mary Hughes, Gladdie Mae Jefferson, Willie Jemison, Charles Johnson, Cleola Johnson, Ernestine Johnson;

Arvella Jones, Evelyn Jones, Gloria Dean Kidd, Leasther Lee, Stephen Lucas, Clarence Miller, Hattie Myers, Marie Myrick, Rose Pearl Narcisse, Margaret Nelson, Delores Owens, Alfreda Parks, Dorothy Riley, Adolph Robinson, Velma Schavies, Helen Shanks, Eloise Stanford, Aline Sweet, Charles Talley, Grace Toomer, Dolores Valentine, Gussie Walton, Mildred Wilcox, Irvin Wilkerson.

Promises To Be Good

Dearest Bud: I have written you twice and hope Mr. W. B. doesn't get this. But I haven't received my button. I have my membership card and promise to be a real good member of the Billiken club. So far, I haven't received much mail. Yours truly, Jewel Dena Johnson, 131 Longima street, Greenwood, Miss.

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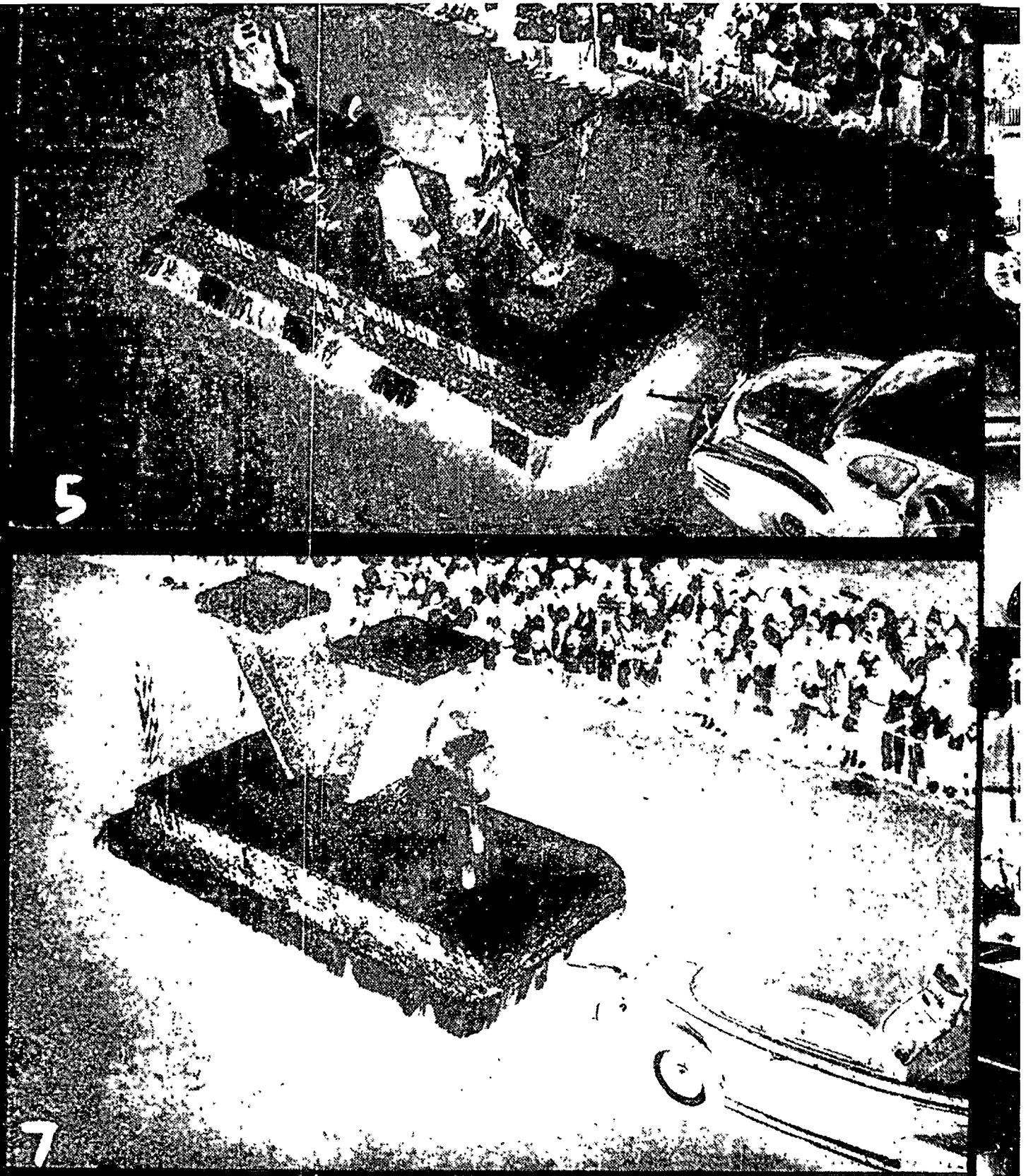

Photo at top left: "For his patriotism and outstanding service to the youth of the nation, George T. Donoghue, general superintendent of the Chicago Park District, was presented this huge gold trophy, emblematic of the Chicago Defender Bud Billiken award for 1945. Presentation was made by David W. Kellum, otherwise known to the kiddies as Bud-Billiken. (2) Chicago Fire Department was well represented in the parade by this huge streamline pumper. They represented Engine Co. 19, 34th and Vernon ave. (3) Provident hospital made a fervent plea for blood donors in their float which won honorable mention in the Bud Billiken parade. (4) One of the most beautiful floats along the line of march was that representing the Scientific School of Beauty Culture, 147 N. Western avenue. This float won honorable mention. (5) Little did the members of the James Weldon Johnson Unit AWVS, know that the "V" on their float meant victory over Japan which came four days after the Bud Billiken picnic. It is needless to say that this float won honorable mention. V Wide acclaim greeted members of the Cpt(ain) Peters Secretarial unit of the Women's Defense Corps of America as they rode along in

THOUSANDS TO CHEER I

Fox Hole Boys To Get Big Ovation

G. I. Joe, back from the European and Pacific theatres of war, will get the honor he is rightfully entitled to Saturday, August 11, when he rides down Michigan avenue to receive the plaudits of thousands.

The ovation these returning heroes receive will be Chicago's simple way of saying THANK YOU for the work they have done in helping to defeat Germany and the part the G. I.s are playing in the coming victory over Japan.

The majority of the G. I.s to ride in the parade will be those boys who spent most of their time in fox-holes on the battlefront and returned home wounded and are now patients at the Gardiner and Vaughn General hospitals.

Yes, you can bet your life G. I. Joe will have the time of his life riding down the boulevard as the special attraction in the Chicago Defender's 16th annual picnic and parade.

Every last minute detal for this patriotic demonstration is being completed by the committee on arrangements. In the line of march of the parade scheduled to start at 11 a.m., will be units of the 6th service command U. S. Army, the United States Navy, the U. S. Coast Guard, the Illinois Reserve Militia, hundreds of Legionnaires, Veterans of Foreign Wars, disabled war veterans, Boy and Girl Scouts, hundreds of patriotic women's organizations, and an estimated 2,000 children representing the Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., and playgrounds.

You will be thrilled when you see the beautifully decorated patriotic floats.

The parade will move from 35th and Michigan avenue south to 55th street and East on 55th street to Washington Park where it will disband.

MEET THE KING

WILLIAM DALE LaCOUR

Son of Mr. and Mrs. William LaCour, 6024 Champlain avenue, who was crowned king at an affair sponsored by the Sewing Circle of Woodlawn A.M.E. church of which Rev. A. J. Carey Jr. is minister. Second prize was awarded Johnetta Benson and third prize winner was Tresa Joiner. Other contestants included Charles Jones, Annetta Mallory, Joseph Davis, Donald Knight, Thelma Ireland, Elsnor Wilkins, Elcy V. McSee, Sarah Ellison, Diane Powe, Leola Gramlin, Susan Thomas, Vera Mae Mitchell, Ira Roberts, Edward Cook, Curtis Jackson, Verna Lyle, Sandra Wheeler, Anita Murry, Earnest Clay, Loretta Peachley and Katherine Brand. Each contestant received a prize. Mrs. Sarah Ellison is president and Mrs. Catherine Johnson is chairman.

Invite Children To Visit Museum

The problem of what to do with children during the long summer vacation from school which has just begun, aggravated this year, according to reports, by the continued absence of mother, older brothers and sisters, on war jobs, may be solved partially by use of the Chicago Naturnl History Museum, it is suggested by Col. Clifford C. Gregg, director.

Col. Gregg has issued his annual invitation to parents, and to children themselves, to take advantage of the museum's facilities as a safe and enjoyable haven from the perils of traffic and the causes of juvenile delinquency currently causing so much concern.

'SPRUCING UP' FOR BUD'S PICNIC

Little Whittier A. Sengstacke Jr., year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Whittier Sengstacke of 6651 Michigan avenue, gets his first haircut in preparation for a big day at the 16th annual Bud Billiken Parade and "Hail the Conquering Heroes" picnic on Saturday, August 11. W. R. Swanson of Handy's Barber shop, 206 East 35th street, is giving little "Whit" his first hair trim.

T-Bone Walker Will Entertain At Picnic

T BONE WALKER, the guitar playing blues singer, who is setting a new record at Charlie Glenn's Rhumboogie cafe, will take his guitar to Washington park Saturday afternoon, August 11, and headline the Rhumboogie cafe floor show. With Captain Walter Dyett and his band providing the musical background, T-Bone Walker is scheduled to set the picnic crowd "on fire" with his songs, the most popular of which is "I'm Still In Love With You" and "Sail on Boogie."

Other star attractions from the Rhumboogie will be the Rimmer Sisters, DeLores Parker, the girl with a million dollar voice; Snooky Marsh, comedian and dancer, and Ronelle and Edna, adagio dancers. The Rhumboogie show will be the first to be presented as the feature of a war bond rally in the swimming pool stadium. Admission will be by the purchase of a war bond.

TO HEAD KIDDIES

Former Billiken Sends Donation From Overseas

From Elnsing, Germany, 1st Sgt. Jesse W. Johnson Jr., attached to Quartermaster Service company, comes a letter to Bud Billiken with $5 enclosed to apply on the picnic ice cream fund. Sgt. Johnson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse W. Johnson

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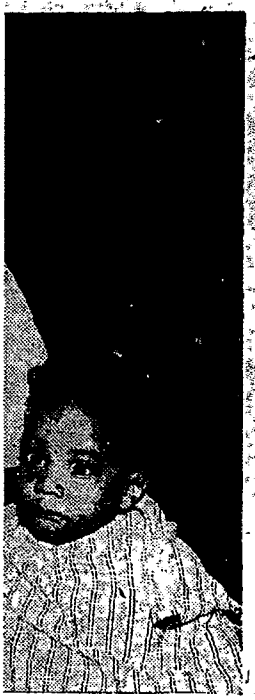

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Four Top Bands To Play Swing For Kiddies

Four of Chicago's top bands will play "swing" tunes for Bud Billiken's guests at the 16th annual picnic in Washington Park Saturday, August 11.

SONNY THOMPSON from the El Grotto; CAPT WALTER DYETT from the Rhumboogie; JESSE MILLER from the Club DeLisa and EUGENE WRIGHT and and his Dukes of Swing from the Pershing Ballroom.

You can thank Harry Gray, president, local 208, American Federation of Musicians for this donation. Always a friend of the kiddies of Chicagoland, Mr. Gray granted the request and said, "I am happy to do what I can for the Billikens. This picnic as well as others staged by the Chicago Defender, have done much to bolster the morale of the people here on the home front."

First band to hit will be Capt. Dyett and the entire Rhumboogie show, followed by the Club DeLisa, El Grotto shows, and Eugene Wright. You'll certainly enjoy the swing tunes played by these Bronzeville aggregations.

The floor shows from the night clubs and the all star entertainment is a part of Bud Billiken's war bond rally which is being sponsored by the U. S. Treasury.

Vacationing In Cleveland

Grant F. Little Jr., and William M. Little, ten and eight-year-old (respectively) sons of Mr. and Mrs. Grant F. Little Sr., are spending their summer vacation in Cleveland, Tenn. There, they will visit with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Little.

BUD BILLIKEN PICNIC FACTS

DATE—Saturday, August 11, 1945.

EVENT—16th annual "Return of the Conquering Heroes" Bud Billiken picnic and parade.

SPONSOR—The Chicago Defender.

SITE OF PICNIC—Washington Park, 51st to 60th street.

PARADE—Michigan avenue, proceeding from 33rd street to Fifty-fifth street, East to Washington Park.

TIME—Parade begins promptly at 11 a.m. Picnic ends 7 p.m.

ADMISSION—To Picnic—ABSOLUTELY FREE.

HOW TO GET THERE—Surface lines to 51st and South Parkway; Elevated to 51st or 55th streets; motor coach to direct site of picnic.

ENTERTAINMENT — All star show featuring stars of the radio, stage and screen in big War Bond rally in swimming pool stadium.

REFRESHMENTS. — Free ice cream, candy, and orangeade to all kiddies holding ICE CREAM COUPONS.

'YES BUD, I'LL BE AT PICNIC'

"I just had to call you on the phone to tell you that although I am having a grand time in Cincinnati, Ohio, I will be back in Chicago in time to eat some ice cream at Bud Billiken's 'Return of the Conquering Heroes' parade' and picnic. I am here visiting my aunt, Miss Emma Morgan who I had not seen before, and we live in a 20-room mansion. I'll have to tell you all about it when I come back. Oh, yes, I almost forgot, my brother, sister, mother and grandmother are here with me." That sums up little Miss, Renee Morgan's telephone conversation to Bud Billiken. She is the daughter of Mrs. Ethel Rockwell Morgan. —Gushiniere photo.

150 Scouts To Leave By Bus For Camp

Next Thursday morning, Aug. 2, approximately 150 Boy Scouts from Chicago's Douglas district will leave by buses for Camp Belnap, one of the Chicago Council's Owasippe Scout camps, near Whitehall, Mich., to open the third and largest period of the summer's camping season.

Local troops include: Troop 277, sponsored by the Gammon Memorial Methodist church, Damen and Maypole; Troop 534, sponsored by the St. Mark Methodist church, 1001 S. Wabash; Troop 535, sponsored by St. Edmund's Episcopal church, 5831 Indiana avenue; Troop 540, sponsored by St. Elizabeth's R. C. church, 4040 S. Wabash; Troop 521, sponsored by the Lincoln Memorial Congregational church, 6454 Champlain avenue; Troop 547, sponsored by the Good Shepherd Congregational church, 5700 S. Prairie avenue; Troop 548, sponsored by the Michigan Boulevard Garden Apartments, 50 E. 47th street, and Troop 1542, sponsored by the Woodlawn AME church, 65th and S. Evans.

Child Pianist To Be Featured

Marian Arline Chinn, child pianist, will be featured Sunday, August 12, 330 p.m. when the Celestial Voice Ensemble appears in debut concert at Wendell Phillips high school. Marian is a student of the American Conservatory of Music. Lucille Compton is the directress of the ensemble.

Informer Boys Coming To Our Picnic

The Ohio State Informer is sending 10 boys to the Chicago Defender's 16th annual Bud Billiken picnic and parade, it was announced in a letter this week by H. B. Brady of the Columbus, Ohio, Negro Chamber of Commerce.

The boys are leaving Columbus via the New York Central Friday, Aug. 10, and will arrive in Chicago at 7:40 o'clock on the morning of the picnic. Bud Billiken will have a delegation on hand to meet them. The youngsters are to be quartered at the Wabash avenue YMCA, 3763 Wabash avenue.

After marching in the parade, the Ohioans will be given lunches and treated to a full afternoon of entertainment, including theatre parties and a sight-seeing tour of the city.

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When sweeping cellar or attic after your Victory cleanup, place dampened newspapers down as you go. They will collect loose dust.

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